



## Birth of Trident – and era ends at Gosport as . . .

# NEW SUBS OFF TO

### Nosey parker

It was a slow and delicate task, parking HMS Vanguard on the shiplift at Barrow-in-Furness — see page 12.



# GUZZ

**THE NEW Upholder Class submarines are to transfer to the 2nd Submarine Squadron at Devonport.**

Capt. Tony Smith, Captain of the historic 1st Submarine Squadron — which will cease to exist after the remaining Oberon Class submarines there come out of commission — told Navy News the decision meant HMS Dolphin would cease to be an operational submarine base by the end of 1993.

The Royal Navy Submarine School and the Submarine Escape Training Tank would continue to function there, however, and ensure that "Dolphin will remain a home for the Patrol submariner."

"It will also be home to new elements in the training and support side of the Navy and this will mean Dolphin will grow rather than shrink."

One of these will be the Mine Warfare School, which will be integrated within the Submarine School following the closure of HMS Nelson (Gunwharf) announced in January.

Capt. Smith also said it was intended to continue his plan to upgrade the Junior Rates accommodation.

Originally planned as a class of nine, the diesel-electric powered Upholder submarine strength was reduced to four under the Options for Change defence plan that cut the Flotilla down to 16 attack submarines, of which three quarters would be nuclear powered.

"Whilst today Dolphin gives unrivalled support as a submarine operational base, with only four conventional submarines in the future the task will just not remain cost effective."

"So by grouping together the nuclear-powered Trafalgar Class submarines and the Upholders at one base, the Navy will enhance operational flexibility and enable significant savings to be made in support costs."

## 'Dolphin will grow rather than shrink'

The move of the Upholders — Upholder and Unseen are in commission and will be followed by Ursula and Unicorn — is expected to be complete by December next year.

Around 350 naval personnel involved in crewing and supporting the boats — a third of the total currently serving in HMS Dolphin — will transfer to Devonport and up to 15 civilian posts will be affected, though efforts will be made to redeploy these in the Portsmouth area.

Other units expected to transfer to HMS Dolphin include: the Royal Engineers Diving Establishment; the Fleet Diving Group; Portsmouth Area Clearance Diving Unit.

● End of an era — but Dolphin keeps her finger on the pulse. See centre pages.

## FOSF — surface action under a single authority

THIS month sees a major change in the way the Fleet is run with establishment of the post and organisation of Flag Officer Surface Flotilla. The appointment combines in one authority the previous responsibilities of FOF3, FOF1 and some elements of CINCFLEET staff.

Based at Portsmouth, the new FOSF — who is to be Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Nicholas Hill-Norton (previously FOF3) — will be responsible to CINCFLEET (Admiral Sir Jock Slater) for

assignment of units to activities and deployments, type command, administrative authority, logistics and engineering support of the Surface Flotilla.

In addition, FOSF will be a seagoing commander with the NATO appointment of Commander Anti-Submarine Warfare Striking Force.

The FOF1 and FOF3 organisations discontinue on implementation of the new organisation on April 5. FOF1 (Rear-Admiral Bruce Richardson) has moved from Devonport to Portsmouth to join the

new organisation as Chief of Staff to FOSF.

Meanwhile, the new title Commander United Kingdom Task Group (who will be the current FOF2, Rear-Admiral John Brigstocke) is established and the organisation based at Devonport. He will be the commander of the on-call UK Task Group and usually commander of any national Naval Task Group out of area. He will also be the Fleet Amphibious Warfare Authority, with

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# Battleaxe to the rescue

OPERATING off the northern coasts of Scotland during the Joint Maritime Course exercises, HMS Battleaxe suddenly found herself participating in a dramatic rescue, when a Hunter jet fighter, flying from RNAS Yeovilton, ditched in the stormy seas, 80 miles north of the Hebrides.

RAF Flight Lieut. Steve Clayton, attached to the Fleet Requirements and Air Direction Unit (FRADU) at Yeovilton, had been taking part in exercise air raids on Battleaxe — all part of the Joint Maritime Course — when his aircraft had engine failure, forcing him to eject into the sea.

Scrambling her Lynx helicopter, Battleaxe raced to the scene, where a Dutch Orion maritime patrol aircraft had already located Steve and was circling

overhead.

A quick recovery by sea boat soon had him on board Battleaxe, where, after a quick gin and tonic and a change of clothes, followed by a check-up by the doctor from the Dutch ship HNIMS Pieter Florisz, he was flown in the Lynx to Stornoway. To meet him there was a Falcon aircraft from FRADU to take him back down to RAF Lyneham.

In less than four hours after ditching, Steve was in

the specialist hospital at RAF Wroughton. He is now well on the road to recovery from his injury of three compressed vertebrae, a common occurrence when aircrew eject.

Steve had been flying with FRADU prior to commencing training on Sea Harrier aircraft with 899 Sqn, and from there he will go on to a front-line Sea Harrier squadron.

Quite an introduction to the Fleet Air Arm!

## Showing them the ropes



BESIDES the "high-tech" displays at the Royal Navy stand at the Birmingham Boat Show — DNR's Super X simulator, "flying" helicopters, communicating with a diver "under water", and touring HMS Manchester by inter-active video — staff of the RN School of Seamanship, HMS Raleigh, were exhibiting more traditional maritime crafts, with displays of rope work, showing that old skills are still taught and used in today's modern Navy. Pictured above, PO Seaman Wilf Pickles explains the intricacies of star knots.

## Large-scale celebrations for NATO

COMMEMORATING the 40th anniversary of Allied Command Channel (ACCHAN), a giant anniversary card, measuring 60 inches by 40 inches and containing over 600 signatures, was presented to the Commander-in-Chief Channel, Admiral Sir Jock Slater.

Every member of the staff of ACCHAN, together with all the crews of the Standing Naval Force Channel — the NATO multi-national squadron of mine countermeasures ships — had put their names to the card, along with signatures from other NATO commands, including that of U.S. Army General John Galvin, Supreme Allied Commander Europe.

The first Allied Commander-in-Chief Channel was Admiral Sir Arthur John Power, who was also C-in-C Portsmouth, but in 1966 it was agreed that the NATO Channel and East-

ern Atlantic Commands should be directed by the same commander, C-in-C Fleet, so these functions were combined at his headquarters at Northwood.

● The NATO Headquarters Allied Forces Southern Europe, in Naples, hosted a visit by the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, a visit which included a question-and-answer session on a wide range of subjects from the Royal Navy officers and senior ratings serving there.

## Boxer in the capital

AN evening entrance for HMS Boxer as she passes under Tower Bridge. During her stay in the Port of London she was visited by HRH the Prince of Wales.



## Princess Anne in Ark Royal

TAKING a first-hand look at how the 73 Wrens now serving aboard HMS Ark Royal are settling in, Princess Anne flew by helicopter to visit the carrier alongside at Portsmouth.

The Princess, who is Chief Commandant of the WRNS, watched firefighting, rope-work and small-arms training and visited the messdeck accommodation.

Visiting the hangar, Princess Anne chats to Air Engineering Mechanics Liz Scarfield (left) and Linda Hayes as they carry out repairs to a flight-deck tractor.





## 'You can't touch this...'



"They're all cool dudes in this submarine  
Real head cases, know what I mean?  
So when M C Hammer say it be a hoot  
To make like the Rap King to raise some loot  
They all agreed to change their faces  
And that was the start of 'Trading Places'..."

HMS Opportune agreed to help launch the nationwide charity appeal for £15m towards breast cancer research last month when pop music's No 1 rapper M C Hammer challenged the entire ship's company to take on his personality for the day.

Like all submariners, Lieut.-Cdr David Balston and his men are used to undercover work anyway...

Later the Gosport-based boat (see also centre pages) paid a five-day visit to Liverpool. The day of their arrival was also the 100th birthday of ex-submariner Mr Owen Tracy, who lives nearby in Pensby, Wirral — and Opportune took the opportunity to invite him to spend part of it on board.

Picture:  
PO(Phot) Jon Garthwaite

## Crash deal with Naafi

NAAFI have teamed up with National Breakdown in a motor recovery service for Servicemen and women.

For £4.80 a month, members of the Armed Forces can use the 24-hour call-out service anywhere in UK or on the continent. Previously Service personnel based in Germany had to pay an extra premium for European cover with other breakdown services.

Payments for the scheme, for which there is no joining fee, can also be made using Naafi Budget Card or Charge Card.

## Museum pieces

Gulf veteran HMS Ledbury hosted a presentation to the Scottish United Services Museum, Edinburgh, when artefacts from the Gulf War, including two model dhows given to the Fourth Mine Countermeasures Squadron by the Government of Kuwait, were handed over.

# Malta relives its finest hour

THIS year marks the 50th anniversary of the award of the George Cross by King George VI to the island of Malta for the extraordinary heroism shown by the Maltese people during the Second World War.

To commemorate this unprecedented award and pay tribute to all who gave their lives in the defence of the island, a number of events are taking place, both in Malta and the UK. The Government of Malta has also decided to issue a commemorative medal.

The Queen is to visit the island in May when, jointly with the President of Malta, she will formally dedicate a memorial to those who fell in Malta's defence. Positioned at the Lower Bastion, overlooking Grand Harbour, the memorial will consist of a 10-ton bell and bronze sculpture housed in a stone cupola.

The summer's programme also includes memorial services in St. John's Co-Cathedral in Valletta and Westminster Cathedral in London; a wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph; and exhibitions at a number of service museums.

### Spectacular

Culmination of the celebrations in Malta will be a spectacular pageant on August 15 to re-enact the lifting of the siege by the arrival of the remnants of the Operation Pedestal convoy.

The commemorative medal is for ex-Servicemen and women who served in Malta during the siege. These include all former uniformed members of the Allied Armed Forces and Mercantile Marine who, at any time during the qualifying period of June 10 1940 - September 8, 1943 served in Malta; in air or sea operations in the Mediterranean connected with the defence, relief or supply of Malta, including participation in convoys and their escorts; and in operations mounted from Malta against the Axis forces.

The medal may also be awarded to civilians who were in one of eight listed categories.

Suspended from a blue, red, and white ribbon, the medal is 36mm in diameter, bearing on the obverse a representation of the emblem of Malta, and the year 1992 on the base.

On the reverse is a representation of the George Cross in the

centre encircled by the legend, "To bear witness to heroism and devotion" in Maltese and English, separated by a Maltese Cross and the date 1942.

The medal may not be awarded posthumously.

People who consider themselves eligible for the award are invited to write to the Malta High Commission at 16 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH, requesting an official application form and marking their correspondence "George Cross 50th Anniversary Medal Appeal", or to the chairman of the Nominations Committee, Malta George Cross, 50th Anniversary Medal, Office of the Prime Minister, Auberge de Castille, Valletta, Malta.

In completing the forms, a certification of service is sought. Neither MOD nor individual Service departments are able to become involved in this, it is understood, and among advice being offered is that photostat copies of appropriate Service documents are forwarded to support applications.

Meanwhile, the George Cross Island Association can issue forms to its members, who should complete and return them to branches with photostat copies of discharge papers. The association has three officers who are authorised to certify the papers before onward transmission.

For information on the GICIA, contact Mr. Frank Rixon, 10 Nepaul Road, Tidworth, Hants. SP9 7EU. (Tel: 0980-42402).

## Soldier drowned off IOW

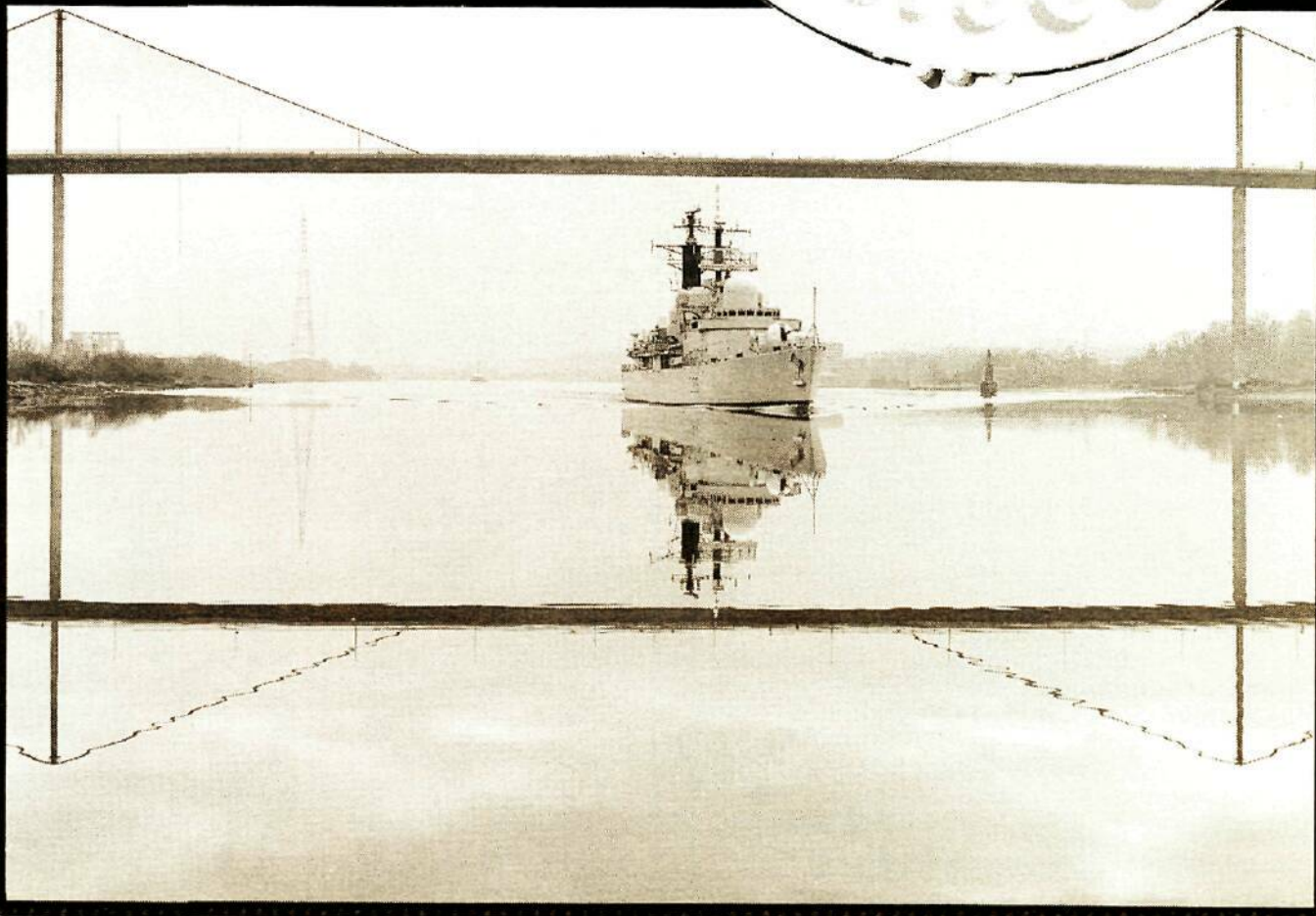
HMS JUNO joined the search for a 35-year-old Royal Artilleryman, believed to have drowned after falling from a yacht that ran aground in rough seas off the Isle of Wight. The rest of the crew were rescued from a life raft.

## Her heart belongs to Glasgow

FIONA, a patient at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, wins the heart of L/S Paddy Donnelly as the Rosyth-based Type 42 destroyer HMS Glasgow pays a visit to her adopted name-sake city.

At a party held for the children on board, HMS Glasgow — seen below passing under Erskine Bridge at the end of her four-day stay — handed over a cheque for £1,450 to the staff of their adopted ward.

Six men from the ship later staged a sponsored wheelchair push to the hospital to add a bit more to the kitty.





# Too much of a good thing!



Two years ago when the present Submarine Drafting Commander joined we were short of people and suffering very high notice giving in all branches of the Submarine Service. Last year we were still short of people and yet trying to "pull the rabbits out of the hat" to meet the extra requirements of Operation Granby.

This year everything has changed and we are desperately looking for the hats so we can put the rabbits back!

What has happened? Well firstly all the retention measures that have been introduced over the past few years to keep you all happy appear to have worked. That, and the bleak employment prospects in the big wide world outside, has caused a dramatic fall in the notice rate. Secondly Options for Change has reduced the number of submarines that we need to man and the jobs in the bases that support them. Finally New Management Strategy (NMS) has meant that some of the less cost-effective (and, hopefully,

less interesting) jobs have been shut down.

All that may sound good news but you are almost certainly wondering: "Where does this leave me?" The answer is not such good news. Firstly, the number of IPRE drafts is likely to reduce; this is because when we had one man and equal priority gaps in Portsmouth, Plymouth and Faslane, we sent him IPRE to his preference area. Now there may only be NPPE billet empty and we have to fill it regardless of the man's preference. Secondly, with

reducing numbers needed and fewer ratings leaving the Navy on notice the advancement rosters are bound to lengthen. Some alleviation of these problems will result from the redundancy programme, of which you are all aware; the names of those selected will be published on 1 April as this paper hits the streets. Finally, NMS means that paying for Acting Local rates when confirmed ratings are available is frowned upon; hence Drafty has had to juggle some drafts to keep down the number of Acting Local ratings.

## Consolidation the **NN Drafty** ... on the Submariners name of the game

The LMEMQC is a training course whose prime purpose is to consolidate the knowledge of leading mechanics. Many ratings drafted to LMEMQC consider the prime purpose is to select ARTCANS. This is not the case, although of course some ratings are selected for ARTCAN. Until recently, the majority of ratings drafted to LMEMQC were Able Rates. That has now changed, and only A/ LMEMs will be drafted to course; exceptionally a few Able Rates passed for LMEM and within a year of the anticipated issue of their B13 may be drafted to the course. In any event, no SMME Able Rate will be drafted to LMEMQC until June 1993 at the earliest. This means that for Able Rates, the best bet is to try for the ACES scheme. For information, the roster length to ARTCAN course for ratings selected ACES is approx 12 months; those from LMEMQC is approx 21 months for (M) and 30 months for (L).

### New look for Drafty's book

BR14 (Drafting Instructions) is being revised to bring it up-to-date with drafting under New Management Strategy and clarify some ambiguities.

### Many thanks

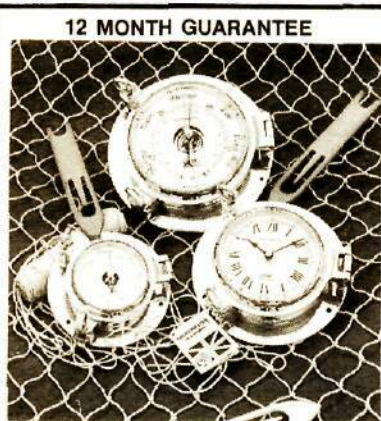
The Submarine Drafting Section has recently received two bouquets of flowers, one box of chocolates and a "Thank-you" letter. We still haven't worked out if it was for what we have done, what we haven't done or what we have promised. However it is nice to know that we occasionally get it right.

### THE TEAM

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LWREN Sue Rodwell leaves us in April to start a new job in RNH Haslar. Her cheerful and active contribution to the drafting scene will be missed by all of us here and her many customers. She will be relieved by LWREN Yvonne Friend.



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### Clearing out

You may have been delighted recently to hear that the Centurion building was about to fall down; whilst that may be true, it will not happen yet. Meanwhile we are reducing weight by clearing out all your old DPC's and C240's and relying on the information held in the computer. If your latest DPC was "pre-computer" (1986), you don't deserve a 1PRE draft anyway!

### High standards for ACES

The ACES Scheme (Artificer Candidate Early Selection Scheme) is now well established and a Navy-wide total of 36 candidates are selected each year. Of these, approximately 12 will be submariners, depending on the quality and number of applicants. Naturally, prospective candidates are to be encouraged, but Commanding Officers and Divisional Officers should ensure that only candidates who are considered suitable in all respects are forwarded for interview. This will avoid wasting the interview boards time, and falsely raising the hopes of unsuitable candidates. Those candidates who are selected for ACES should be aware that their future SQ will be decided by HMS Sultan and may differ from that held on entry to course.

### Drafty's do's . . . .

- All CO's, HODs, DOs and Section Senior Rates please contact, and preferably, come and see us regularly to discuss drafting plans.
- Tell us by C240 when you go on an VT course so we can draft you to it, and save your NMS budget.
- Keep the DPFs and C240s up-to-date

### . . . . and don'ts.

- Ask us to change Schemes of Complement — that is FOSM, CINCNVHOME, DNMP business.
- Drip about your own drafts — do it through your D.O. It avoids acrimonious misunderstandings.
- Abuse the answerphone when we cannot answer the phone in person. It is there to help us help you.



### And finally . . . .

### Quote — unquote

"The delay in forwarding the request is due to the rating, his Divisional Officer and the Commanding Officer all being present at one time".

"Needs a settled period to get his feet back on the ground; sea-time would do him good".

"I have little complaint about either of them considering that they are Submariners and have found themselves in the middle of the desert".

"CPOWEA ... wishes to stay in submarines as a non-volunteer".



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# A FLAVOUR OF MARLBOROUGH

MAINSTAY of the surface fleet, the frigate was originally a fast, manoeuvrable craft required to scout ahead of the main fleet. Today its modern descendants, and particularly the new Type 23 Duke class, of which Marlborough is the second, remain capable of this role ... but do much more besides.

Importantly, the Type 23 is heavily armed in comparison with similarly sized ships serving in other navies.

HMS Marlborough was built by Swan Hunter Shipbuilders at Wallsend on the Tyne, where she was launched by Lady Black on January 21, 1989. She was accepted into naval service at Portsmouth on March 7, 1991 and commissioned in Devonport on June 14 the same year.

Extensive automation within the Type 23 frigate has continued the trend towards reducing manning in modern warships. The weapons systems and sensors are fully computerised, as are the control systems for the main machinery and electrical distribution systems. Even the stores, cash and catering accounts and the pay and personnel records of the ship's company are computerised.



Every member of the ship's company — the captain, 12 officers, 50 senior ratings and 105 junior ratings — has a vital part to play in the operation, repair and maintenance of the complex, on board equipments.

Incorporated in the Marlborough's design are many stealth features, making her a difficult target for the enemy to locate, but should she come under attack she is armed with several self-defence weapons. These include the vertical launch Seawolf missile system to engage aircraft and missile targets. The Marlborough can also utilise decoys.

The ship is also armed with Harpoon anti-surface missiles and the 4.5 inch Mark 8 gun. Her helicopter, a Merlin EH101 once it comes into service, but currently a Lynx, is a potent weapons platform which can carry torpedoes or missiles in anti-submarine or anti-surface role.

## Anti-submarine

The Marlborough is designed principally for anti-submarine operations. Her towed array sonar is used to detect submarines at long ranges and her helicopter can then be directed by the ship's aircraft controller into a position from which its crews will use sonobuoys or dipping sonar to localise the submarine's position. After that the helicopter can track the craft and if ordered to do so, destroy it with torpedoes.

In wartime the ship could also be tasked to use her long-range Harpoon missiles against enemy

ships or to provide bombardment support to forces ashore using the 4.5 inch gun.

HMS Marlborough's propulsion machinery comprises two GEC electric propulsion motors and two Rolls-Royce Spey gas turbines, a pair of each driving a fixed propeller. Quiet running at lower speeds is provided by the propulsion motors supplied with power from any combination of four Paxman Valenta diesel generators.

Sprint speeds in excess of 28 knots are obtained by clutching in the two Spey gas turbines through GEC gearboxes. This combined diesel, electric and gas turbine (CODLAG) arrangement is unique to the Type 23 and enables propulsion and generating machinery to operate with maximum efficiency.

The generators also provide the power for domestic lighting and heating, while all fresh water for washing, drinking, cooking, etc., is produced from sea water by reverse osmosis.

Living conditions on board are good; senior rates live in four or six berth cabins with separate messes, while junior rates live in spacious messdecks, each of which has its own recreational area.

All cooking on board is undertaken in a single galley from where it is served to the two dining halls, or sent to the deck above in a food-lift to the wardroom pantry and from there up to the captain's quarters.

During prolonged periods at sea food becomes particularly important to the morale of the ship's company and its skilful preparation and presentation are especially vital. Further looking after the needs of those serving on board are two civilians — the Naafi manager and the Hong Kong laundryman.



## FACTS AND FIGURES

Displacement: 3,500 tonnes. Length: overall 133 metres; waterline 123m. Beam: 15m. Accommodation: 185. Speed: 28 knots. Range: 7,800 nautical miles at 15 knots. Propulsion: 4x1.3 MW Paxman Valenta diesels, 2x12.74 MW R-R Spey gas turbines, 2x1.5 MW GEC electric dc motors,

2xGEC double reduction gearboxes, 2xfixed pitch propellers, 34,000 shp. Weapons: 1xVickers 4.5" Mark 8 gun, 32xvertical launch Seawolf, 8xHarpoon, 2x30mm BMARC cannon, 4x6-barrel Seagat chaff dispensers, Magazine torpedo launch system, Lynx helicopter with Stingray torpe-

does and Sea Skua missiles. Sensors: 1x996 Plessey surveillance radar, 2x911 Marconi Seawolf trackers, 1xGSA8 British Aerospace surveillance and gun-control, 1x2031Z towed array sonar, 1x2050 bow sonar; 1xUAF ESM system and 1x1007 Kelvin Hughes navigational radar.

## Celebrated sea service under general's name

INCLUDING the new frigate there have been six HM ships Marlborough, bearer of the motto *S'en va l'en guerre* — "He goes to war". The name was also used from 1942 until 1947 for the Royal Naval Torpedo School at Eastbourne College.

First ship of the name was a 2nd Rate of 1,131 tons, launched in 1669 as the *St Michael*, under which name she fought in the Battle of Solebay (1672) and La Hogue (1692). In 1706 she was renamed Marlborough in honour of John Churchill, Duke of Marlborough, victor of Blenheim and Ramillies.

In 1744 the Marlborough fought in the Battle of Toulon and was one of the few British ships to emerge with any glory. And as the flagship of the Jamaica station in 1762 she took part in the capture of Martinique, earning her first battle honour. She earned her second the same year by taking part in the capture of Havana.

Second Marlborough was a 3rd Rate of 1,640 tons and 74 guns launched in 1767. In 1780 she took part in the defeat of the Spanish Fleet at the Battle of St Vincent. Another battle honour followed in 1781 — The Saints, in which 11 of the 34 French ships of the line were taken.

Following the French declaring war in 1793 the Marlborough rejoined the Main Fleet and earned the fifth battle honour, The First of June, engaging the 74-gun vessels

*Impetueux* and *Mercius*. A third, the *Montague*, joined the fray.

The Marlborough suffered 34 dead and 90 wounded and was entirely dismantled, but she survived and returned safely to Portsmouth.

## Battle honours

Martinique 1762, Havana 1762, St Vincent 1780, The Saints 1782, First of June 1794, Jutland 1916

Third ship of the name was a 74-gun 3rd Rate launched in 1807 and paid off in 1814, and the fourth was a screw battleship of 131 guns launched in 1855.

The fifth HMS Marlborough, a 25,000 ton battleship of the Iron Duke class, was commissioned in May 1914. She was armed with ten 13½ inch and six 6 inch guns. On May 31, 1916, off the coast of Jutland, she won a sixth battle honour.

She was one of the first Grand Fleet battleships to open fire, engaging a battle-

ship, then a cruiser, then a second battleship. She was the only British battleship to be struck by a torpedo during the action.

As one of the last British battleships built exclusively to burn coal, the Marlborough's coal bunkers protected the vulnerable boiler rooms. Now despite a hole in her hull some 70 feet wide by 20 feet deep, she not only stayed afloat but remained in action.

She was part of the group that went nearest to the German coast during the Battle of Jutland, closing to a range of 50 miles. But that morning her bulkheads showed signs of strain and Admiral Burney transferred his flag to the *Revenge*, ordering Marlborough home. She survived further torpedo attacks, one missing by just 50 yards.

At the close of war, she and Iron Duke met up at sea with the last major ships to surrender to the Grand Fleet and escorted them to Scapa Flow. In 1919 she evacuated members of the Romanov dynasty from the Crimea and took part in actions against the Bolsheviks. She was sold in 1932.

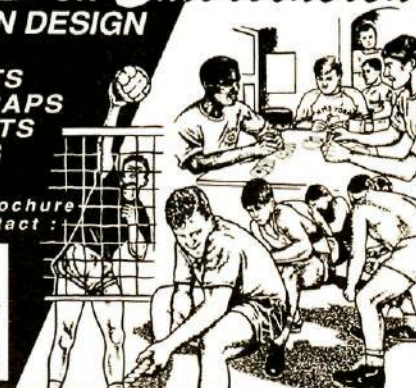
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# Identity crisis for the

# Crushers

WITH growing concern over the last eight years I have watched, listened, evaluated and despaired as to the future of the Regulator and the Regulating Branch.

I have heard the arguments for and against the future job description of the Regulator and the role envisaged in a manpower-reduced Royal Navy. I have seen the young and older Regulator ponder over the question of where his loyalties lie. Is it the Supply Officer or Regulating Staff Officer, the Chief Writer or the Master at Arms? Am I Supply Department or Executive Department?

I have served 16 years in the branch, but by no means consider myself "in the know" about the politics of a branch in which I have achieved so much job satisfaction. I have been proud of the branch and loyal to all its ideals and idiosyncrasies.

The Regulator has, for as long as I remember, given a very professional service to his customers (ie, the Serviceman/Servicewoman) with little or no complaint. To the greater part, this service has been received with gratitude and thanks for a job well done by both the lower deck and officers.

Who has sorted out your leave; found a way from A-B using your warrants; got you home the fastest way known to mankind when the family needs you there and you're half way round the world; listened to your gripes; sorted out your worries; listened about the parrot dying and your loyalty to Liverpool Football Club?

In general, the Regulator's door has been open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and, other than for leave (when he's

available for recall and advice) 52 weeks a year. "Never," I hear some of you say. I can assure you that for the greater part, that statement is fact.

Have you ever known the Regulating Office (okay, UPO) be closed except towards the day that Main Leave is nigh — and even then they will always answer your questions and solve your problems? The answer is no.

A few years ago it was decided (gloom) that the Regulator would move into the be-all-and-end-all of "one stop" administration, the UPO. The Writer Branch clapped its hands with glee as they saw the writing on the wall, having already lost some of their job description with introduction of Computerised Bank Payment (CBP) and palmed some of their administrative tasks on to the Regulator many moons ago.

## Short straw

Don't worry, said the Reg. Branch, with the introduction of the Personnel Record System (PRS) we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately the light has gone out. PRS has been shelved indefinitely and the Regulator is still pondering as to his future.

Next, it is decided that the civil servant can operate the existing Computerised Record System (IPF — ugh). What will the Writer have to do now as a job? I know — look at other jobs for the Regulator, get them out of the UPO but leave their jobs behind for us.

Next episode, I believe, is that the Regulating Branch

should take on the management role of the Royal Navy's security.

Summing up, I believe — and from conversations with both young and the older Regulators their thoughts are along the same lines — we are being sold the short straw.

Are we heading for a Tri-Service Police Force? After all, who needs a "Service copper" in a Regulating Office/MACCO/UPO? Are we heading for direct entry into a very professional, mature, experienced and knowledgeable branch? Will the customer get the same service from a Part 4 trainee Writer/Able rated Writer?

I know you Writers out there will feel I am having a dig at you and your job. I am not. You don't realise, or are unaware of, just what is coming your way if it eventually does.

It's not just a case of pushing paper and issuing the leave pass and travel warrant, writing out a discharge note or filling out a MOR Form. The Regulator has undergone a course to train him specifically for his job. What is the present Writer going to do to get him ready to take on the job on a specified day?

It has taken most of us experienced Regulators years to get rid of the old "acid" syndrome and gain the confidence of the average Serviceman/Servicewoman without being thought of as an ogre. We have worked hard to ensure that you, the customer, gets the very best of service available from his or her Regulator for whatever reason. We pride ourselves with the job we do.

If the way ahead is that we take on security etc, so be it. Recruit more into our branch to do the job with the same selection criteria that has always been.

The only people who I feel will suffer from all of this is the Regulator, and of course you our customer to whom we owe our job. Please let us carry it on in the manner to which you are accustomed and which you quite rightly deserve. — A. G. Bird. MAA. HMS Marlborough.

## Bond with Manners

READING "Calling Old Shipmates" (March issue) I saw the poignant paragraph concerning a proposed reunion of shipmates who served on board the frigate HMS Manners which lost one third of her length and 54 crew members who died following a U-boat attack in January 1945.

I well remember the occasion because the Manners took the place of my own ship HMS Morpeth Castle which sustained a mishap while leaving Gladstone Dock in Liverpool and which resulted in her having to go into dry dock.

Those of us who are old shipmates of the Morpeth Castle will always feel a deep bond with those of the Manners which inadvertently took our place for transatlantic convoy escort duties and consequently paid a high price. — Ieuan Jones. Mablethorpe, Lincs.

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## Beaufort rates high on the scale

REGARDING the letter "One to bear in mind" (February) about possible renaming of HMS Polar Circle (pictured above), I think a more fitting name would be Beaufort — the 1919 surveying vessel named after the famous Hydrographer of the Navy.

Two ships have carried the name and it has gained honours from 1942 to 1944, including Anzio and the Malta convoys. The second of the ships was a Hunt class destroyer named after the Duke of Beaufort's Hunt and built by Cammell Laird.

She was loaned to the Royal Norwegian Navy in 1954 and renamed Haugesund, being scrapped in 1965. The name ties in with Admiral Beaufort, who gave us the Beaufort Scale in 1806. — A. Murrell, London SW1A.



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## Letters



# A question of balance in the dining hall...

NAVY News of January this year carried an interesting article on the allocation of money from the Fleet Amenities, Fleet Recreational and Sailors' Funds, which in the main appeared well spent.

My point is that several allocations were made to establishments for the refurbishment of ratings' dining halls. Surely our employer (MOD) should provide facilities commensurate with the status of the dining hall in question.

Civilian firms such as Marks and Spencer, BP, Woolworths and Toyota who provide canteen facilities for their work do not go cap in hand to a fund asking for monies for refurbishment.

The charters of these funds are comprehensive and surely what the money is actually spent on should be quality of life once MOD has provided a facility as befits to the status of the dining hall. — D. I. Turner, WO(CY), HMS Dryad.

● Refurbishment of dining halls and messes, together with applications concerning bars and clubs, is seldom off the agenda nowadays of the Grants Committees of the funds concerned. At the last meeting of the Sailors' Fund very substantial sums were earmarked for refurbishment/improvements for junior rates' dining halls in three locations.

During committee deliberations the fine print of the rules is often examined to see what should and should not be allowed. There are also reminders that grants which in aggregate total more than £20,000 for any one project (as was the case of the three applications) are subject to Trustees' approval.

However, reality comes to the fore when it is pointed out that the programme for a particular establishment or unit envisages no public cash being available for the project concerned for some time — perhaps years. Then the case is strongly advocated by the appropriate committee representative: Use cash from the funds to give the sailor what he wants.

So, do you wait — or do you

use funds for improved facilities? It's a nicely balanced argument.

### Limited edition?

READING about the 50th anniversary of the Sea Cadet Corps prompts a question.

In 1941, while serving at HMS Beaver, the naval base at Kingston-upon-Hull, I and a colleague were awarded the Navy League Gallantry Cross. It was presented by the then Admiral of the Humber.

I was given to understand that at the time only four of these crosses had been awarded. Can anyone throw any more light on this subject? I would be delighted to hear of anyone else who owns this silver cross. — A. R. Howes, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

### Keating slur boomerangs

THE Australian Prime Minister's assumption that Great Britain let the Aussies down during the last war is quite wrong.

I spent three years in HMS Indefatigable, from John Brown's shipyard to her return to Portsmouth at the end of the war — the majority of that time in Pacific waters helping to defend Australia and the Philippines, etc. Does Mr Keating not

read history books on the sacrifices of the British in that theatre of war?

The British Pacific Fleet included the battleships King George V and Howe; carriers Indomitable, Victorious, Indefatigable and Illustrious; cruisers Swiftsure, Black Prince, Argonaut, Euryalus, Gambia; and 11 destroyers. Many had casualties, including the Indefatigable which was hit by a kamikaze plane, causing suffering.

Does he really think we let the Aussies down over Malaya and Singapore when we lost the Prince of Wales and Repulse? In my opinion we certainly did not. — E. Churchman, Cringleford, Norwich.

### Call for car ID card

I frequently travel between establishments both in the Portsmouth area and within the UK. Being a car owner I usually arrive in my own vehicle.

I am always met by the question, "Can I see your ID card please?" and this is always followed by the question "Have you got a car pass?" Inevitably I have to answer "No" and am politely invited to park my car while I am issued with a temporary car pass.

Surely it would be possible for the Royal Navy to use a universal car pass which would be recognised by all establishments and units. If this were

## Appeal for a bell

SHORTLY after Christmas a ship's bell engraved HMS Droxford disappeared from Droxford Church, where it had hung and been cherished for some 25 years.

The parishioners would be grateful if anyone with information on the bell's whereabouts could pass details to the Rev. D. Henley, RN (ret'd), Rectory, Meonstoke, near Southampton. — E. A. Stewart, Second Officer, WRNS (ret'd), Droxford, Secretary Parochial Church Committee.

implemented, it would cut down on manpower and reduce the pandemonium caused by cars littering entrances to large establishments while their drivers acquire passes. It would also cut down on someone's travelling time from unit to unit.

I can hear the obvious cry "Security risk". But if personnel are issued with a universal car pass, it should be made an accountable document, just as the ID card is, and should it become lost then the offenders should be liable to the same punishment as for loss of an Identity card. — A. D. Page, POWTR, HMS Collingwood.

# No news is bad news

WHAT has happened to the ships' newsletters we used to get when our sons/husbands were on active service?

They were a boon to the families to let them know what they were doing and how they were getting on.

My son, now on his fifth Gulf patrol, is perhaps like most people on board, too busy to fill us in on broad terms. So we are in the dark.

During the South Atlantic campaign we had regular newsletters from HMS Bristol but they ceased after that. — Bill Manners, Sidcup, Kent.

● Whether there has been a general falling off in ships' newsletters to families is not known. Certainly they have been a welcome feature for many families, particularly when ships were on deployment far from home. Doubtless much depended on the enthusiasm of individual ships.

But obviously at least one family member is missing them!

## Last words at Manston

HOW interested and greatly thrilled I was to see a mention of the "mothball attack" on the German battlecruisers and cruiser in the English Channel 50 years ago.

I was a PO Armourer (Air fitter "O"), we left Lee-on-Solent four or five days before the attack, and all we could glean from the various "buzzes" was that "three sisters" were about to pass through the Straits — but we had no idea who or what they were.

I remember that crucial day when all hell was let loose at Manston — and I must have been one of the last persons to speak directly to Lieut.-Cdr. Esmonde as he climbed into his aircraft.

Later in the day I was privileged to fly over the North Sea in an aircraft of what I recall was 32 Squadron attached to RAF Manston, and later I spoke to Ginger Bunce who was a Telegraphist Air Gunner with 825 Squadron. I believe he was a native of my home city of Nottingham.

Thanks a million — we have a mention at last! Good luck to all your readers, especially any other survivors from those few hectic days at Manston. — K. Higham, Calverton, Notts.

● Thanks to other readers who wrote about this famous event of 50 years ago.

LETTERS to the Editor should always be accompanied by the correspondent's name and address, not necessarily for publication.

## Crying need for chapel cash

FOR the last three months the Warship Preservation Trust has attempted to raise £9,000 to complete a memorial chapel to all the seafarers lost in the South Atlantic in 1982.

A compartment on the Falklands veteran frigate HMS Plymouth (which is about to go on public display along with the submarine Onyx at Birkenhead) has been stripped and soundproofed.

The idea is that the chapel will be a quiet haven for the families of those lost at sea who come to see us. And, as we consider ourselves to be a "floating history lesson" we feel it will be a permanent and tangible memorial to those who were lost. All our visitors will see it.

### Faith

I am somewhat dismayed how short memories are. The response to our appeal to "all the right people" can only be described as minimal — there are a few notable exceptions.

If there are any Falklands vets out there, who in remembering their shipmates who were lost, can organise the odd sponsored run up the Rock or something we could achieve our goals — and my faith in human nature would be restored. I well appreciate the demands on "charitable cash" these days but...

Any donations, large or small should be sent to the Project Manager, HMS Plymouth, Cammell Laird, Birkenhead L41 9BP. — M. A. Critchley, Director.

## Girls in Green Berets? Never!

I WAS staggered to read (February) that women are to be allowed to join the Royal Marines Band Service as musicians. But reading on about feasibility studies into women joining the Corps as Commandos almost gave me convulsions and had me double checking the edition's date — just to ensure that April 1 had not slipped around again a trifle early.

Before I am overrun with emotional accusations of being a sexist, let me explain that I served with the elite Corps for nine happy years, admittedly with a Pongo unit, but I was proud to have completed my Commando course at Lympstone and be awarded the coveted Green beret.

Now, 14 years later, I still regard the Royals as the cream of the world's specialist forces. Surely, women attending Lympstone will find the challenge physically impossible, unless of course the entry standard plus the course standards are lowered considerably.

### Common sense

Sure, women have a place in any armed forces, but a logical place, not just put into a Corps such as the Royal Marines to appease the women's rights activists. Cynical, I may be, but not short of common sense. — A. N. Stroud, Ex-Green Beret. 29 Cdo RA (Sgt), 1968-1977. Shatin, Hong Kong.



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# 2OE — don't 'play the market'

EACH YEAR since inception of the Second Open Engagement, a considerable number of successful applicants have turned down the award, only to reappear as candidates at subsequent boards.

This propensity to "play the market" has an adverse impact on the selection opportunities of other candidates, says an announcement. "It also results in much nugatory work by the Selection Boards and HMS Centurion's 2OE administration staff."

Candidates are normally eligible to appear before the 2OE Selection Board on four separate occasions in their last four full years of a 22-year engagement.

Provided the commanding officer's recommendation and individual candidature are maintained, those who fail selection, or who are selected but decline the award, automatically appear before subsequent boards until they are either selected or enter their last year of service.

From announcement of the 1992 Selection Board results and thereafter, a rating who declines 2OE will make himself ineligible to appear before further boards (assuming 2OE is maintained in all other respects in accordance with BRs) until he applies in writing, through his commanding officer, giving full justification for re-instatement as a candidate.

Applications for re-instatement are to be received in HMS Centurion by April 30 in the year in which the board sits. It is stressed that those refus-

ing the award will not have an automatic entitlement for consideration by subsequent boards, and if 2OE candidature is re-established there is no guarantee of re-selection.  
DCI(RN) 60/92

## Courses for horses

EQUITATION courses held at mounted units UK may be attended by students of all ranks from all three Services.

An announcement lists the 1992-93 programme and application procedure. Included are details of courses run by a number of Saddle Clubs.  
DCI(JS) 7/92

## MQs still cut price

SINCE late 1983 some vacant surplus married quarters have been advertised for sale to serving personnel at discounted prices.

Full details of the continuing scheme are given, covering scope, eligibility, administra-

tion and method of application.  
DCI(JS) 18/92

## Prize essay titles

SUBJECTS for the 1992 Lieut-Cdr. Hooper essay prize for the junior ratings are: Write a story centred on a railway journey; what medical advances in the last ten years do you consider to be the most exciting?; or explain the attraction of marathon running.

An announcement gives full rules for the competition, which involves writing an essay of between 1,000 and 2,000 words.

In the 1991 competition third prize of £30 went to LS(R) M. N. Cray of HMS Argonaut. Prizes available for the 1992 essay are: First, £150; second, £75; third, two of £40.  
DCI(RN) 57/92

## Parchment pile up

PRODUCTION difficulties have resulted in considerable delays in completion of commission parchments and war-

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"If our last award wasn't good enough, you're not good enough for us! So there!"

rants, and a sizeable backlog has built up.

To overcome the problem, the individual Services have resumed responsibility for production of their own commissioning parchments.

Royal Navy CPs will be produced by HMS Centurion. The backlog will take some time to clear, but it is hoped that from this autumn CPs will be on schedule.  
DCI(RN) 55/92

## Death grant goes up

THE grant payable to dependants of subscribers to the RN and RM Officers' Dependents Fund and the RN and RM Dependents' Fund is increased from £3,000 to £3,250 from April 1.  
DCI(RN) announcement dated Feb. 14

## Sail and run race rules

THE Isle of Jura Islands Peaks Race is a combined offshore sailing and fell running race.

Yachts, crewed by five people, are entered in one of three classes, taking account of type of yacht and experience of the team runners. Youth teams, which may be of any number but with the majority aged 16-19, race over a course with shorter hill sections.

The race, which starts on Friday May 15, has a number of prizes, including a trophy for the winning team from the Royal Navy, Army or RAF.  
DCI(JS) 9/92

## Carried to excess

RATES of excess baggage movement have now been received and the new charges listed.

The amounts of unaccompanied baggage which may be conveyed at public expense on posting, drafting or temporary duty are published in individual Service and civilian regulations. Baggage above entitlement may be moved on behalf of personnel and their families, but cost of the excess is recovered from the individuals.  
DCI(Gen) 30/92

## Regatta dates

THE 17th Services offshore regatta takes place from July 8-12, providing the opportunity for inter-Service competition in offshore yachts, racing individually and with representative teams from each Service.

The regatta has two races — the Princess Elizabeth Challenge Cup, to be sailed in the Solent, and the main race from the Solent to St. Peter Port, Guernsey. The main race will consist of the full course, sailed in three divisions, and the short course for the cruiser section.  
DCI(JS) 12/92

## New titles for Sick Berth Tiffies —

UNTIL recently the titles used by RN Medical Technicians consisted of Warrant Officer, Chief Medical Technician or Medical Technician 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th class, with the technical category added as a suffix in brackets.

These titles, which have remained virtually unchanged since creation of the Medical Technician structure in 1965, have caused confusion and do not reflect the status of the Medical Technician accurately.

To eliminate these problems and bring the structure into line with the other technical branches of the Royal Navy, the following titles will apply from April 1:

Probationary Medical Technician, abbreviated title PMT; Medical Technician, MT; Acting Leading Medical Technician, ALMT; Leading Medical Technician, LMT; Acting Petty Officer Medical Technician, APOMT; Petty Officer Medical Technician, POMT; Chief Petty Officer Medical Technician, CPOMT; Charge Chief Medical Technician, CCMT; Warrant Officer Medical Technician, WOMT.

In all instances except probationers, the SQ will be added in brackets. These are: Health Inspector (HI), Health Physicist (HP), Medical Laboratory Technician (L), Registered Mental Nurse (M), Registered General Nurse (N), Physiotherapist (P), Pharmacy Dispenser (PD), Radiographer (R).  
DCI(RN) 29/92



"So 'PMO' must mean 'Probationary Medical Officer'?"

## — and some new faces, too

IN LINE with the Navy Board's policy to offer Servicewomen wider employment opportunities a new WRNS Medical Technician category is introduced from April 1. Previously the Medical Technician structure was open to male ratings only.

WRNS Medical Technicians will equate in all respects with their male counterparts. They will be subject to the same entry and advancement rules, be eligible for sea service, complete the same training and receive the same professional management.

The rates and abbreviations will be: Warrant Officer, WO(MT)W; Charge Chief Wren Medical Technician, CCWMT; Chief Petty Officer Wren Medical Technician, CPOWMT; Petty Officer Wren Medical Technician, POWMT; Leading Wren Medical Technician, LWMT; Wren Medical Technician, WMT; Probationary Wren Medical Technician, PWMT.

Entry to the new WRNS Medical Technician category will be achieved by recruiting Probationary Medical Technicians (trained in-Service), Direct Entry Medical Technicians (already trained) or Sideways Entry (from other branches). Applications from Medical Assistant (QARNNS) ratings will be processed through DNR as successful applicants will be required to change service.  
DCI(RN) 31/92

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# New look at Officer Corps

AN OFFICERS Study Group has been established to carry out a major review of the structure and management of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Officer Corps, including the Naval Chaplaincy Service and the structural, non-professional aspects of Medical, Dental and QARNNS officers.

The aim is to propose an effective and economical structure which will meet the operational and administrative needs of the Service from 1995 for the foreseeable future.

The group, which will report through the Second Sea Lord to the Navy Board, will be led by Vice-Admiral M. H. G. Layard and the team will comprise two captains, two commanders, one RM major and a MOD civilian officer.

The group will consult widely within the Service and will seek advice from foreign and Commonwealth navies, British industry and commerce, relevant professional bodies and the other Armed Services. Work starts formally on April 1 and the group's final report is due by the end of February 1993.

Scope of the work planned includes the evaluation of essential officer corps skills, officer/rating and officer/civilian interfaces, career expectation, incentives and structure, entry and training requirements and the social and economic environment from which the Royal Navy will be recruiting officers.

DCI(RN) 51/92

## Prize pupils

THE RN Staff College prize-winners list for 1991 included: Staff Course: Herbert Lott

Prize for the most outstanding RN, RM, WRNS or Commonwealth naval student, Lieut-Cdr. N. P. Stanley, RN: Herbert Lott Prize for best maritime studies paper, Lieut-Cdr. S. J. Lloyd, RN.

DCI(RN) announcement dated Feb 7

## Squadrons combine

THE First and Fourth MCM Squadrons amalgamate on April 23 and form the First MCM Squadron.

On that date, HM ships Brocklesby, Ledbury and Dulverton will join MCM1 and HMS Bicester will join MCM2. But the Bicester will not base port change to Portsmouth until August 1993.

MCM1 will continue to be based in Rosyth.

## UN medals to go direct

THE United Nations Secretariat has said that replacement UN Medals will in future be provided only by that authority. MOD will no longer be involved in the procedure.

Replacements will be made by the UN Medals Administration direct to the recipient of the original award following prepayment and acceptance that it has been irrevocably lost.

Applicants have to obtain a certificate of service with the UN Organisation from their respective record offices for forwarding with their applications, in the appropriate format, to the United Nations.

DCI(JS) 3/92

## Small change for FONA

SINCE the FONA structure was formed in March 1990 as the single naval aviation authority, experience has been gained from operational activity and the advent of New Management Strategy.

An announcement says the management of Naval Air Command has been reviewed better to reflect the task ahead. Only minor changes in the basic structure of the FONA headquarters staff have been found necessary, mainly involving changes in title to be consistent with current tasking and to take into account the necessary geographical split of responsibilities with Yeovilton and Northwood.

Changes which have been made reflect a rationalisation of day-to-day business under NMS and improved responses to contingencies and the meeting of Fleet commitments.

DCI(RN) 27/92



"Who's studying who?"

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### Rules of engagement

SPELT out fully are the rules applying to Crown Servants, including officers of HM Forces, over acceptance of outside appointments on leaving the Service.

These require all Crown Servants to apply for permission, for two years after leaving, before taking up any paid appointment with a defence contractor or foreign government. Senior staff have to apply for permission should they wish to take up any paid

employment, whether or not with a defence contractor.

Purpose of the rules, says the announcement, is not to frustrate people with valuable experience from seeking employment but to ensure that no cause for suspicion of impropriety exists, and so safeguard the public service and individual officers against criticism.

DCI(Gen) 18/92

### Duty free in dock

THE final phasing out of Blue Line duty-free cigarettes and tobacco at the end of last year

has brought about changes to duty-free categories for ships undergoing maintenance. The category details involved are spelt out.

All other customs categories remain unchanged.

DCI(RN) 28/92

### Centurion dates

ARRANGEMENTS for visits to HMS Centurion are detailed, together with 1992-93 programme dates.

DCI(RN) 59/92

# Wings only for the few

STIFF-fronted evening shirts and separate winged collars have now been deleted from the basic uniform outfits of RN and RM officers, QARNNS male officers and RCNC male officers.

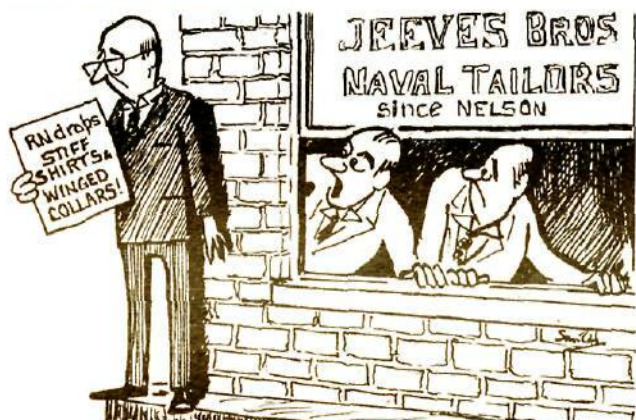
The decision takes account of increasing difficulty in obtaining these shirts and collars and even greater difficulty in having them laundered to acceptable standard and at reasonable cost.

However, the stiff-fronted evening shirt and winged collar are not to be abandoned altogether, and their wear remains obligatory for the following officers in No.6 and 6W dress (RM No.2 and 2W): Captains RN/Lieutenant-Colonel RM and above; principal staff off-

icers and ADCs to senior officers; equerries and ADCs to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family; Service attaches and advisers; officers serving in HM Britannia.

The collar-attached evening shirt, with Marcella front, will be worn by all other officers on occasions when the stiff-fronted evening shirt has been worn in the past. But officers with stiff-fronted evening shirt may continue to wear it indefinitely, on an optional basis.

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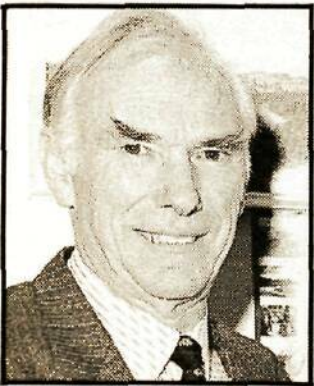


**DISCOVERY**



## Resettling!

RETIRING after seven years as Naval Resettlement Information Officer Scotland at HMS Cochrane, Lieut.-Cdr. Ken Reith has in all served nearly half a century with the Royal Navy.



He joined as a boy signalman in 1943 at the age of 15 and served on North Russian Convoys in HMS Diadem until the end of the Second World War. He became a signal instructor in 1956, a chief yeoman of signals the following year and commissioned as a sub-lieutenant in 1959.

In fact, Ken left the Service in 1982 to work in personnel management, returning as resettlement officer in 1985. He is succeeded in the post by a fellow Scot, Lieut.-Cdr. Jim Milne.



# He stoops to confer

HMS Centurion is prepared to go to any lengths for the sake of efficient medical drafting... POWrenWtr Debra Hampson and Lieut.-Cdr. Mark Wagstaff bear witness to that.

Mark, who joined Centurion just over a year ago as Medical Drafting Officer, daily rises to the challenge of the work and at 6ft. 3ins. he can rise quite a way.

Meanwhile, Debbie — a member of the Drafting Division since March 1990 — certainly has the lowdown on the Navy's medical drafting requirements. At 5ft. nothing she can be counted on to get to the bottom of things.

Debra, whose husband, Steven, is a CPO Writer in HMS Nelson, is also CNIC Manager

within the RN's Casualty Control Centre.

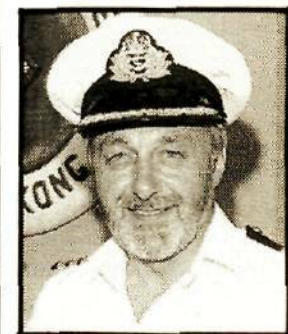
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## City chef!

FORMER Royal Navy cook Jim Patey is to be Portsmouth's next Lord Mayor. Cdr. Patey, who settled in the city in 1951, will take over as its "first citizen" in May. He has worked for British Gas since 1958.

## NO EFFORT SPARED

CDR. Mike Norman (HMS Tamar) has received a commendation from Admiral Sir Jock Slater (CINCFLEET) for his efforts in the disaster relief operation following last year's devastating cyclone in Bangladesh.



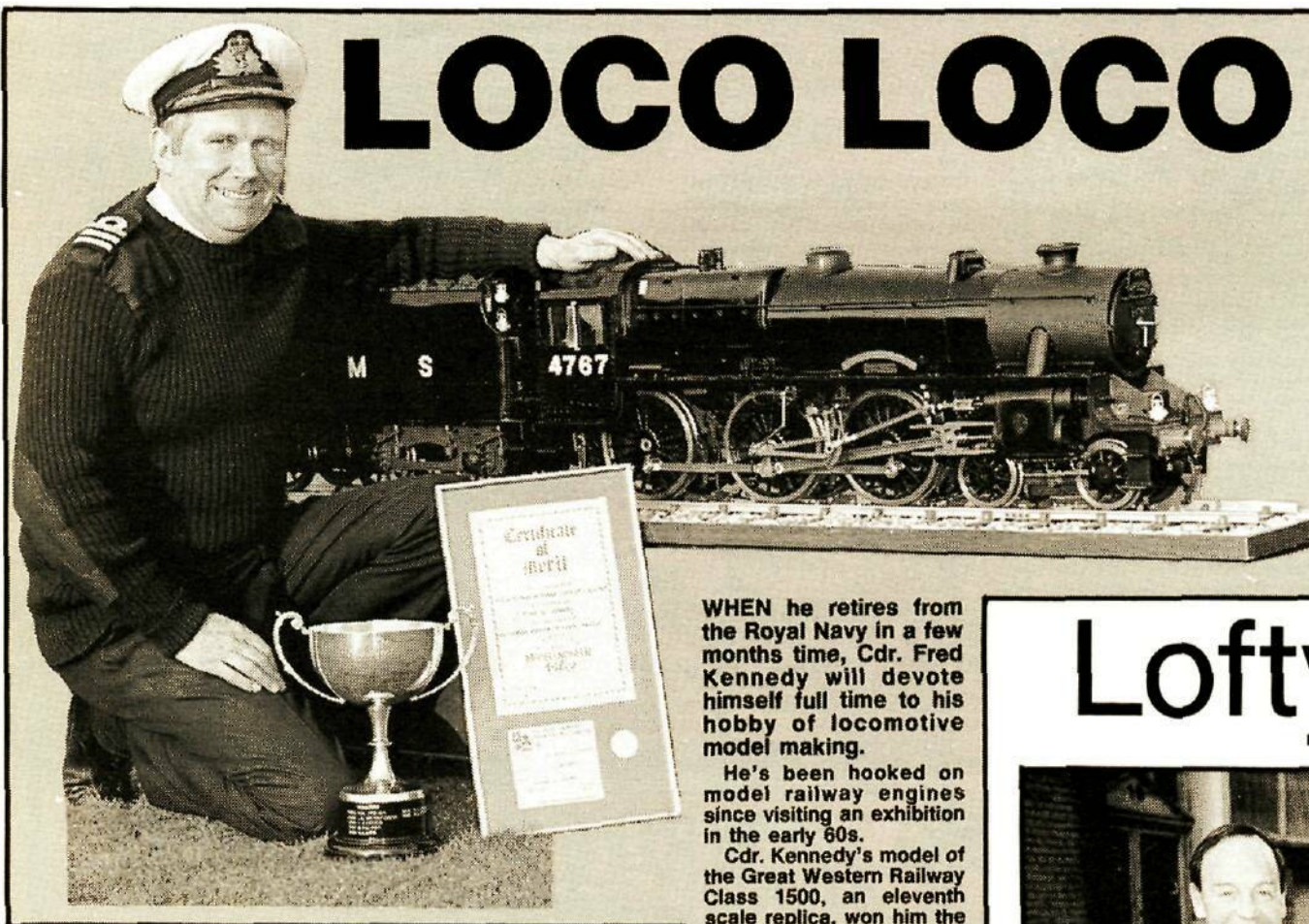
Cdr. Norman was appointed to RFA Fort Grange to command the British contribution to relief operations in the Bay of Bengal. Involved in all aspects of the task ashore, he spared no effort ensuring vital supplies were despatched to the medical staffs working in isolated hospitals in one of the worst-hit areas.



## People in the News



# LOCO LOCO



WHEN he retires from the Royal Navy in a few months time, Cdr. Fred Kennedy will devote himself full time to his hobby of locomotive model making.

He's been hooked on model railway engines since visiting an exhibition in the early 60s.

Cdr. Kennedy's model of the Great Western Railway Class 1500, an eleventh scale replica, won him the silver medal at the 61st International Model Engineering Exhibition. He also won the Charles Kenian Memorial Award for the best overall finished locomotive.

The 3cwt locomotive, capable of pulling about a ton, has vacuum brakes and steam injectors. It is externally correct down to the last rivet. It took him nearly 10 years to complete, working from 300 photographs and drawings, and he has been offered £15,000 for it.

Cdr. Kennedy joined the Navy 37 years ago as an apprentice shipwright. His duties have taken him around the world; during the Falklands War he served in the forward repair ship.

But locomotives and cars will occupy him rather than ships after September. As well as model making he plans to make components for vintage cars. He is also an active radio ham and maestro on the piano accordion.

Picture: LA (Phot) Andrew C. Pratt

## TEENS WARD FUND

SURGEON Cdr. Rick Jolly, Principal Medical Officer at Britannia Royal Naval College, and his wife, Susie, hope to raise £50,000 in memory of their son, James, who died in 1989 at the age of 17.

The money is required to provide a special ward for teenagers — the first of its kind in Plymouth — at Derriford Hospital. Here, adolescent patients will be cared for in two adjoining four-bedded units, with an associated day room and mini galley.

Cdr. Jolly believes teenagers, who tend to be mixed up at the best of times, need particular love and support when they're ill.

Already over £8,000 has been raised in James' memory — mainly through the donations and fund-raising efforts of friends and relations — but

around £40,000 more is needed to ensure the new unit is set up and running in 1993. The JJ Fund is an integral part of Derriford Hospital's £150,000 Appeal to complete a state-of-the-art child health complex.

Cdr. Jolly is appealing to all Devonport-based personnel with children growing up in the area to contribute. He is writing to ships, submarines and local establishments and units, too.

"I'd like to raise it all via the RN/RM if possible," he said.

Contributions should be sent to The JJ Fund, PO Box JJ, Torpoint, Cornwall, PL11 1JJ.

# Lofty ambitions



LIEUT.-Col. Mike Kefford (centre) brought along a tank of oxygen in case the generosity of the Joint Services Expeditions Trust Committee should have overwhelmed him completely

In fact, he kept his feet while receiving a cheque for £15,000 from JSETC chairman Commodore Malcolm Rutherford (left) outside the Alpine Club in London.

Mike is leader of the 1992 British Services Everest Expedition, which is attempting to climb the world's highest mountain via the West Ridge. The final assault on the summit is due in the first week of May.

Also pictured is actor Brian Blessed, himself a mountaineer, who has a special interest in the expedition. Brian is a long-time supporter of the Roy-

al Marsden Hospital — one of Europe's premier cancer hospitals — and the hospital's cancer appeal stands to benefit from the sale of a little white teddy bear the servicemen are taking up Everest with them. Ted will be auctioned later in the year.

The appeal fund now stands at £21m — just £4m short of its target. The money will help all aspects of the fight against cancer at the Royal Marsden — updated buildings, a new children's unit, research, latest diagnostic equipment.

Among the Everest party are Surgeon Lieut.-Cdr. Andy

Hughes, Surgeon Lieut. Peter Davis, Lieut. Steve Bell RMR and Staff Sgt. Chris Barnes, currently serving with the Royal Marines in Germany.

Meanwhile, Lieut.-Cdr. Sandy Simpson (Portland Navy Base) is co-deputy leader of a British team aiming to scale the undefeated west face of the Himalayan peak Makalu, the world's fifth highest mountain.

Sandy is taking charge of satellite communications, via which the attempt is to be transmitted to the world's TV screens. The expedition is due to last until June.

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# Bonnie dives under the ocean



WRENRO Yvonne Hopkins, who goes by the name of Bonnie, has qualified as a ship's diver. And although two Royal Naval Reserves Wrens have previously passed the course, she is the first full-time WRNS member to do.

A member of HMS Invincible's ship's company, Bonnie sampled the delights of diving off Palermo and Gibraltar before coming back to reality with a bump and diving on the hull of a CVSG in Portsmouth harbour.

With the help of experienced diver CPOAEM Pete Batchelour, Bonnie is becoming an able and reliable member of the team.

## Payment received

A WARTIME meal of bread and bangers was never forgotten by the young sailor who tucked in when a storm prevented him joining his ship, HMS Nubian.

The ex-matelot — now 71 — recently sent the Salvation Army a fiver in payment for the sausage supper he ate on January 22, 1939. He wished to remain anonymous.

# BUSINESS PARTNERS



A ROYAL Marine and a Wren are among the four Services personnel first to gain National Vocational Qualifications in business administration (level 3), the highest level available.

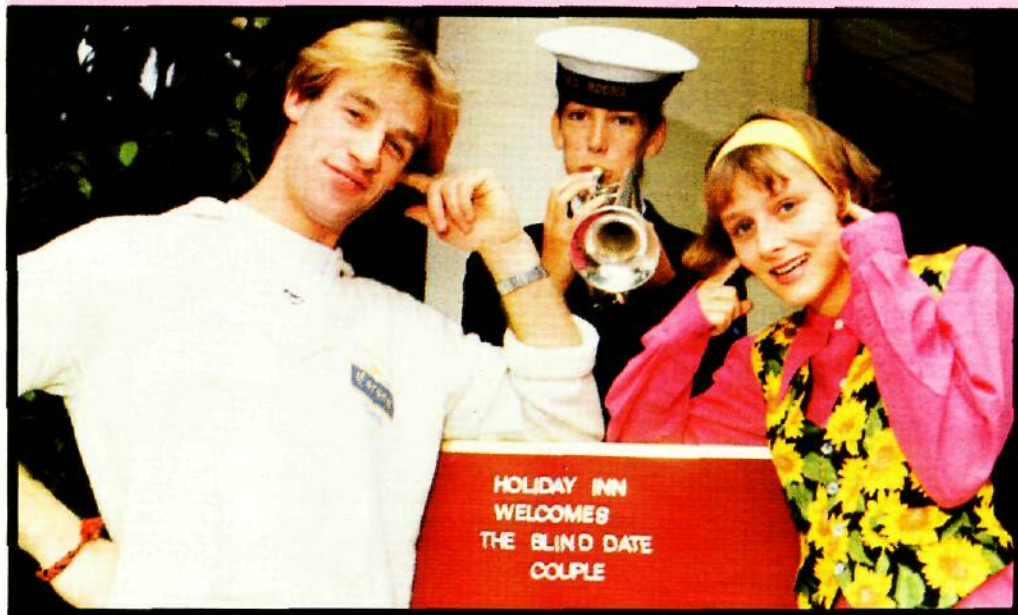
Sgt. Trevor Wright RM (right in picture) and LWren Maureen Puch joined Cpl. Simon Brenskill (RTR) and Territorial Army soldier Pte. Christopher Farmer at London's Guildhall to collect their certificates at a ceremony arranged by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The Services recognise the value of training, and these

qualifications will be equally important to the recipients if it comes to looking for a job in Civvy Street in years to come.

While the message to civilian employers of Britain's Volunteer Reservists is that this training costs them nothing but give their employees skills and qualifications that are relevant and transferable to the civilian workplace.

# Deaf date!



WELCOMING Blind Date couple Will and Frankie to a weekend of champagne and sparkle in Gibraltar was LWren Penny Newman, who took time off from her own packing to provide a jolly Rock fanfare. Penny is now stationed at RNAS Culdrose.

but the new draft has left a hole in the ranks of the HMS Rooke Volunteer Band. Former colleagues there joined some 10 million viewers to catch her fleeting appearance on Cilla Black's popular game show.

# Spot the Droggies

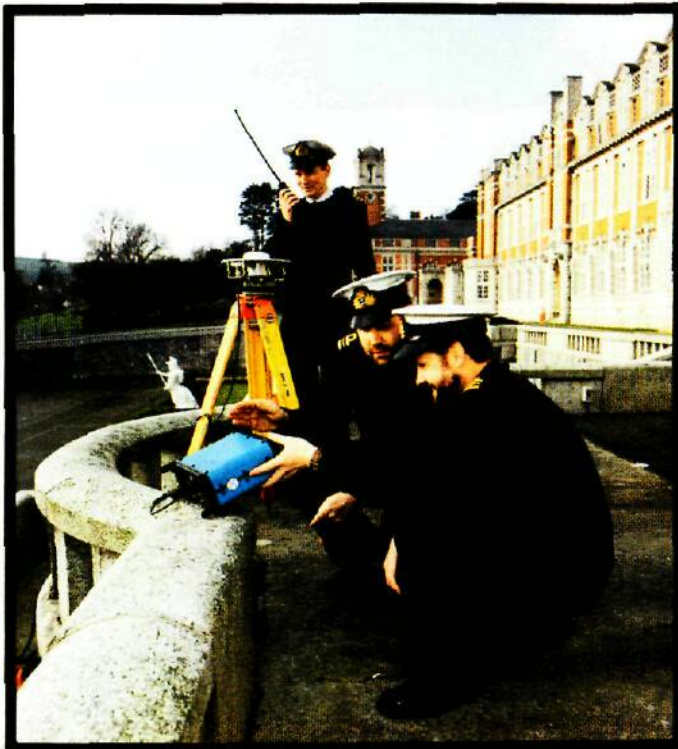
PARADE ground precision is one thing, but this is ridiculous... With three hydrographers on the staff at Britannia Royal Naval College only pin-point accuracy will do.

Here, Lieut. Phil Carroll, Lieut.-Cdr. Mike Malin and Lieut.-Cdr. Richard Ball (left to right) are seen determining the exact spot where VIPs stand at Passing Out Parades.

More often they are concerned with bringing to the Young Officers a proper awareness of the datums, projections and grids so important in naval command and control systems.

With the advent of global positioning systems it is now possible to obtain an absolute position anywhere in the world. Most of the UK's charting and mapping is based on measurements taken in 1830 and a triangulation scheme dating back to 1936.

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# Vanguard gets rolling—rock steady

## THE BIG ONE



THOUGH old submarine hands might have missed the clatter of chains and satisfying splash of a conventional slide down the slip, HMS Vanguard's slow and dignified launch was somehow all the more dramatic.

Richard Strauss's "Thus Spake Zarathustra" has become a cliché signature tune for this kind of event—but as the Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering Ltd works band struck up with the familiar "Space Odyssey" crescendo and the giant doors of Devonshire Dock Hall slowly parted, it had never seemed more appropriate.

The giant 15,000 tonne monolith—at 490ft long, three times the height of Nelson's Column and by far the biggest submarine ever built in Britain—rolled out at the snail's pace of a metre a minute, riding steadily on 88 electrically powered transfer cars that were to carry her out to the Syncrolift (pictured left).

This, in turn operated by over 100 electromechanical hoists that raise or lower its platform at the even slower rate of 20cm a minute maximum, would take three days to get the first of the nuclear powered Trident ballistic missile submarines into the water (top)—but she was there on time, to cost.

### Warheads

HMS Vanguard—her sisters Victorious and Vigilant are already well under construction and negotiations for a fourth boat are currently under way—will be officially named at a ceremony at Barrow on April 30 and begins her first sea trials at the end of the year.

Armed with a maximum of 128 warheads, she is due to go on her first patrol in 1995.

Despite her huge bulk—she is twice the size of a Polaris boat—she has a complement of 135, eight fewer than HMS Resolution and her sisters.

Her first commanding officer, Cdr. David Russell (above), lately CO of the Polaris boat HMS Repulse, said he was greatly looking forward to his new job. "I'm very lucky to get it," he said. "She is the most powerful warship the Royal Navy has ever put to sea. The challenges are pretty clear—



● Cdr David Russell

Vanguard is an immensely complex collection of components and systems that have to be understood and made to work—and many of these have not been tried at sea before.

"Her very size presents difficulties. Being as long as two jumbo jets, she poses some interesting ship handling problems.

"Guiding her through the dock system here and out to the open sea via Walney Channel can best be likened to threading a needle while wearing boxing gloves!

"Of course, taking Vanguard to sea is just the beginning of a long programme of trials and crew training necessary to bring her to full operational status. This is always an exciting time with a new ship, but with the first of a new class of submarine the period will provide a lot of professional interest.

"I suspect it will provide one or two surprises too, as the theory on the drawing board turns to reality at sea.

"HMS Vanguard will join the fleet to play her part in providing the nation's strategic deterrent at a time of great international turbulence and change, and all the members of her ship's company are aware of the importance of our task."

● Cdr Russell joined the Royal Navy in 1970 and took up his first submarine post four years later. He passed the submarine commanding officer's qualifying course—the "Perisher"—in 1981 and joined the nuclear-powered Fleet submarine HMS Sceptre as Executive Officer. HMS Vanguard is his third submarine command, following HMS Repulse and HMS Oberon.

**Pictures: CPO(Phot) Pete Simcock;  
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# Fleetlands comes to the rescue

## YELLOW PERIL FLIES AGAIN

WHEN RAF Sea King XZ585 crashed into a Scottish hillside back in 1989 it seemed inconceivable that it would ever fly again. The nose, bay and cockpit were completely crushed and it appeared to be a write-off.

But a replacement helicopter would cost around £7 million, so, after the accident investigation, the pieces were packed up into crates and sent down to the Royal Naval Aircraft Yard, Fleetlands, in Gosport, to see what could be done.

Now, after skilled and complex work carried out on the fuselage, and the engine and electronics restored and refitted, XZ585 has risen, Phoenix-like from the wreckage, with a successful test flight at Fleetlands prior to resuming her role with the RAF's Search and Rescue service.

● The Naval Aircraft Repair Organisation (NARO) which comprises RNAY Fleetlands and the RN Aircraft Workshops at Perth, in Scotland, this month becomes a Defence Support Agency.

The role of NARO, which employs altogether 12 RN personnel and over 1,600 civilians, is to provide repair, modification, overhaul and storage services for the helicopters of all the Services, and for marine gas turbine engines.



Photos:

Above — "Yellow Peril" — Sea King XZ585 — lifts off from RNAY Fleetlands, airworthy once more after her extensive re-build.

Left — the same aircraft, wrecked on a Scottish hillside, two years previously.

## Visitors ahoy!

THE new Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, Admiral Sir John Kerr, got some hands-on experience of equipment and a first hand impression of current gunnery training when he visited HMS Cambridge, Plymouth.

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The Director of WRNS, Commandant Anne Spencer, spent a day at sea in HMS Cardiff during work-up at Portland, watching flying operations, close range gunnery shooting and an air defence exercise and meeting the 26 Wrens currently serving in the ship.

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702 Squadron at RNAS Portland are hosts to a group of West Weymouth Beaver Scouts, giving them a chance to look over their Lynx helicopters and see how the Squadron operated.

## Victory's crew welcomes the French

HMS VICTORY'S fame was gained at the Battle of Trafalgar, fighting the French, but they obviously don't bear a grudge for so many French visitors are now welcomed aboard that the official guides are taking French language lessons.

Last year more than 25,000 French people visited Nelson's flagship on pre-booked parties, with thousands more touring as individuals.

It was, however, an English family, Trevor and Margaret Curry and their sons Matthew, aged 9, and Jonathan, 8, who were welcomed aboard by Admiral Sir John Kerr, CinC Naval Home Command, when they took the total of visitors to the ship over the 16 million mark.

● Visitors to Victory will be passing by a pre-war landmark in Portsmouth Naval base, the clock tower of Number Ten Store, which has recently been restored to its former glory by the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust.

The original 50ft wooden tower was destroyed by a German incendiary bomb in 1941, but the original weather vane was salvaged and is now back in place over the replica clock at the top of the new tower.

## Arrows head for the Italian hills

FOLLOWING their deployment in the Adriatic, members of HMS Arrow's ship's company enjoyed some strenuous hill-walking when their ship called in to Naples for a short self-maintenance period.

On a perfect day, with breathtaking views out to 40 miles up and down the Amalfi coast, they reached a point 1420 metres above sea level where, at less than a mile from the coast, the cliffs were most daunting.

Their expedition was led by WO Asprey of the Royal Engineers, serving locally with HQ Allied Forces Southern Europe at Naples.



## Salute to Soberton



SEEN here sailing past the Royal Naval College, Greenwich for her last visit to London, the minesweeper HMS Soberton has now paid off at Portsmouth, after 35 years continuous service.

● Soberton's claim to the title of longest serving ship in the Royal Navy (as printed in last month's Navy News) has been challenged by the minehunter HMS Brinton, commissioned in 1954, 38 years ago, and still going strong with the Third Mine Countermeasures Sqn based at Rosyth. However, Brinton's record shows that she was held in preservation, out of service, at Hythe, for a five-year period from 1957 to 1963, so Soberton's "longest-serving" claim remains technically valid. Honours even for both small ships, perhaps!

## Memories of Exeter

NOSTALGIA was in the air when members of the River Plate Veterans Association, the Royal Naval Association and the Old Exeter Ship's Company were invited aboard the present-day HMS Exeter, a Type 42 destroyer, at Devonport.

The previous Exeter, a Second World War cruiser, gained fame in the Battle of the River Plate in 1939, but was lost in the Battle of the Java Sea in 1942.

One of the visitors was Cdr. Kenneth Townsend-Green, a survivor of the sinking "You make great friends in wartime" he said — "There is something about it which binds you together, you gain a loyalty you never give up."

Whilst their ship was alongside at Plymouth, HMS Exeter's ship's company, accompanied by a Royal Marines Band, exercised their Freedom of Exeter with a march through the city from the Civic Centre to the Guildhall.

## BEST BOOK OF THE SEA

MASTER navigator Robin Knox-Johnston has won the King George's Fund for Sailors Best Book of the Sea 1991 Award for "A Columbus Venture."

The story of an experiment in navigation, the book details Knox-Johnston's single-handed voyage on the ketch Suhaili, retracing the route taken by Christopher Columbus 500 years earlier. To provide realism, only the 15th century instruments available to Columbus were used.

The book also describes the return voyage to Europe when Suhaili ran into horrific gales, during which she was knocked down four times and forced to limp home with broken masts and makeshift sails.

Robin Knox-Johnston will be presented with the award, a cheque for £1,000, by the fund's president, the Duke of Edinburgh, at the annual meeting in London in May.

"Dear Dolphin", by Frank Mulville, is awarded the second prize of £250, and an award for

a book of special merit goes to John Coote for "Submariner".

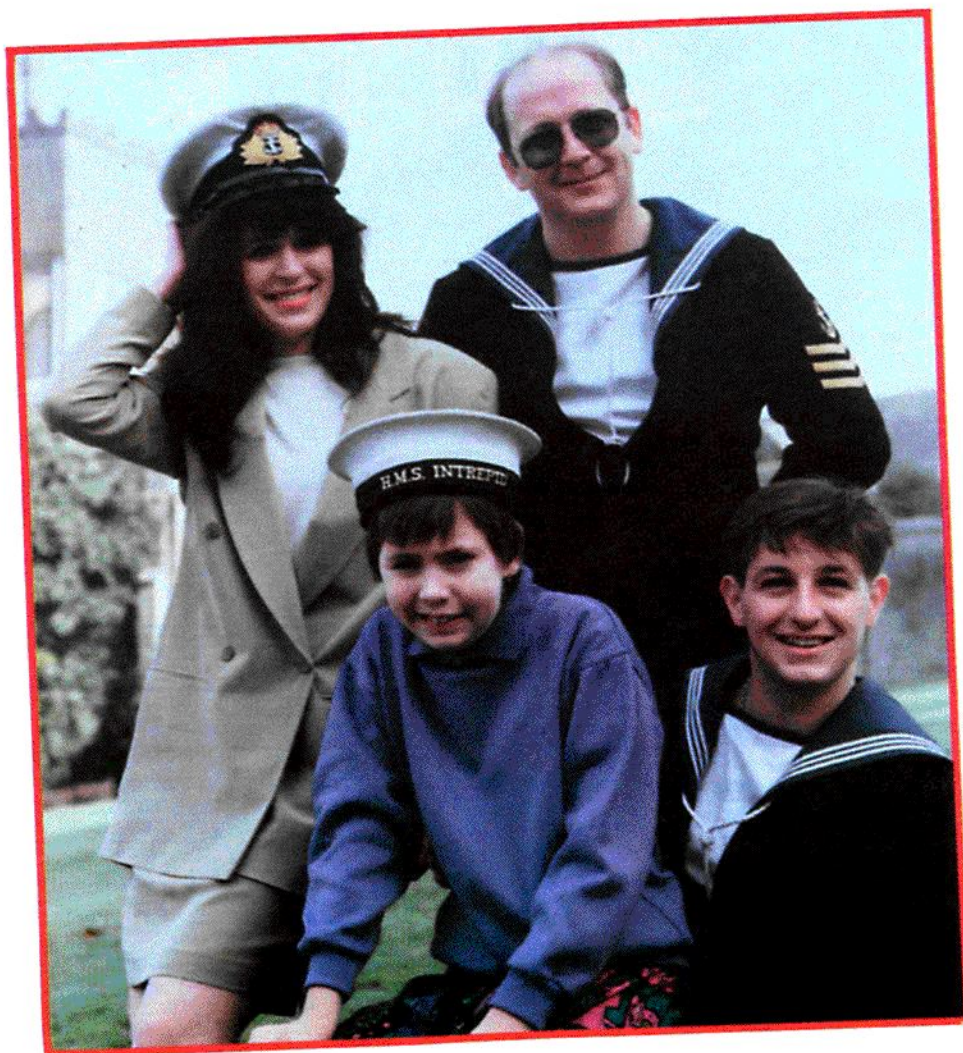
As part of the KGFS 75th anniversary celebrations a first day cover is being issued in April. Details from CoverCraft, Box 713, London SE19 3HH (Tel/Fax: 081-771-4097).

● Robin Knox-Johnston was on hand to launch a £2 million appeal aboard the Cutty Sark for the Maritime Trust to undertake a ten-year restoration project to restore, re-rig and repair the historic clipper.





## Katie's 'Intrepid' journey



**BRAVE** Katie Dickens has once again enjoyed VIP treatment thanks to the ship's company of HMS Intrepid.

Katie (10), who is still recovering from major brain surgery at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital, travelled to Plymouth for a trip of a life-time organised by the ship and local firm Ridgewood Industries.

On her arrival in Plymouth she was whisked away to a reception at the China Fleet Country Club and during her visit she enjoyed trips to the National Shire Horse Centre, Sparkwell Wildlife Park, Plymouth Dome and Mount Edgcombe Country Park.

She is pictured here at Buckland Abbey with BBC TV Generation Game hostess Rosemarie Ford, LMEM John King and WEM(R) Darren Dobson.

● Ridgewood Industries are presently manufacturing a computer stand designed by Lieut. Jan Rowles, of HMS Intrepid, which will enable children on the ship's adopted ward to use a complete computer system, even when restricted to bed. In the next few months the Winston Churchill Ward will be presented with three complete systems plus the new stands which have been donated by the two organisations following their charity activities last year.

## Ellie walks tall again

**LITTLE** Ellie McConnell will soon be back on her feet after the crew of HMS Resolution (Starboard) raised five times their original target of £1,000 to buy her a special Orthosis walker.

Three-year-old Ellie, whose Dad Tony is a CPOMEA on board, suffers from cerebral palsy and was unable to play around the house with her brother Tom or walk or sit unaided.

Fund-raising events included raffles and a 10-mile sponsored run, but the highlight was a fun day on Dumbarton Common which included a charity football match between HMS Resolution and Denny Amateurs, a tug-of-war contest and a display by the Alexandra and District Dog Training Service.

## Faslane's all heart

**YORKHILL** Hospital Children's Trust received a special donation of £14,000 from the Clyde Submarine Base.

Lady Gunn, chairperson of the Trust, accepted the money which will buy a new heart ventilator to be used in the treatment of children recovering from heart surgery and those with serious respiratory diseases.

The unit cares for children from all over Scotland and even from overseas — five-year-old Albina Taraskina travelled all the way from Sverdlovsk, in the Ural mountains, to receive treatment for a congenital heart problem.

Another donation from the Faslane Fair Committee had the 2nd Helensburgh Brownies jumping for joy.

The £500 cheque, presented by Lieut.-Cdr. Mike Palmer, will assist with much-needed repairs to John Street Hall, home to most of Helensburgh's Brownies and Guide packs.

Clyde Submarine Base also backed the Albanian Children's venture when a team of volunteers, armed with two trucks loaded with food and clothing,

were waved off from Faslane by the captain of HMS Neptune, Capt. David Kerr.

The venture team, sponsored by local firms and individuals, included CPO Dave Swinburn, PO Steve Massey, Joyce Brookes and Martin Potter.

They raised money to fuel their journey by holding a "guess the mileage" competition and collected donations of food and clothing from the base and pick-up points in the surrounding areas.

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# PTs box clever at Cochrane

MONEY raised from a boxing match and dinner held by sailors from the Physical Training staff in HMS Cochrane has provided Ward 5 of Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital with funds to buy a Doppler Unit for patients with vascular problems.

The cheque for £129.95 was presented to Staff Nurse Lesley Bonehill (pictured third from right) by LPT Ross Groves.

Proceeds from the boxing match totalled over £1,500, all of which will be distributed to local charities.

Picture: CPO(Phot) Barry Hill.

## RALEIGH-ING TO THE CAUSE

A TASKFORCE from HMS Raleigh launched an attack on cliffsides near Torpoint to help the National Trust tackle serious problems of erosion.

Heavy public access at Sharrow Cliff, near Freathy, down to the beach and cliffside folly, Sharrow Grot, had been wearing away the footpaths and destroying vegetation.

But a team of naval trainees, taking a break from their basic training at HMS Raleigh, came to the rescue, helping the Trust to carry out vital conservation work.

Under the supervision of National Trust Warden Geoffrey Hicks, 12 trainees, aged between 16 and 20, led by PO Jock Easton, faced the challenge of constructing a new footpath, repairing the present cliff path, shoring up slopes and controlling a stream.

The project was jointly or-

ganised by the National Trust and South Cornwall Heritage Coast Service. This is not the first time HMS Raleigh has come to the Trust's aid in Cornwall — in 1988 50 apprentice artificers undertook a major task at Cotehele, moving a 100ft tree by hand from the woods, to be fashioned into the top mast of a new flagpole for the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich.



## Top marks for SSAFA

A DONATION of £5,000 has been made to SSAFA by department store Marks and Spencer to assist with welfare cases which would otherwise be ineligible from association's or regimental benevolent funds.

Collecting the donation from Ian Routledge, store manager of the Walworth Road, London, branch, Wing-Cdr. Alan Collings, SSAFA's director of welfare, said: "We are delighted that M & S have renewed this donation which demonstrates their support to SSAFA's commitment that Service and ex-Service families deserve the best welfare advice and assistance, however difficult the circumstances."

## Opportune moment

A VISIT by 10 crew members of HMS Opportune to their affiliated charity of St Helens Portage was rounded off by a barn dance during which a cheque for £500 was presented to the school.



## Helping Hands



# Invincible goes live on the ocean waves

MORAY Firth Radio's "Luggy" Appeal extended this year to include HMS Invincible as she sailed through local waters prior to commencing Exercise Teamwork in the North Atlantic.

Radio presenters Helen McPherson and Les Black took the opportunity to come on board and conduct a live show from the bridge of HMS Invincible.

During the visit Helen was presented with a cheque for £100 by Rev. Mike Wishart, money which came from the ship's company's charity chest.

An eight-man team from the POs' Mess in HMS Collingwood took part in a sponsored cycle ride to Cardiff in aid of the Les Leonard Leukaemia Fund and the Leukaemia Unit at Cardiff University Hospital.

The journey, which included one night's stay in Bristol, took them two days to complete.

The British Red Cross are looking for talented sailors to take part in their new fund-raising campaign, the Red Cross Buskaround, which will take place all over the country during Red Cross Week, May 3-9. Anyone who can sing, dance, juggle, tell a few jokes, do acrobatics or even ride a unicycle should telephone 071 245 1000 for further details.

During her recent AMP in Devonport, members of HMS Sirius' ship's company were able to enjoy an afternoon meeting staff and pupils at Doubletrees School, St. Austell.

Cornwall, the ship's affiliated charity.

Over several months £650 has been raised for the school for physically and mentally handicapped children through a variety of sponsored events including a run and cycle ride from Plymouth to Plymouth, a beard-growing competition, sponsored diet and a NAAFI raffle.

While on patrol in the South Atlantic the ship's company of HMS Alacrity raised over £3,145 for their adopted charity, Greenacres School, in Winchester.

The money raised will go towards renewing the children's play area and making it safer by laying a shock absorbent mat.

last year, which proved so popular, the committee decided to make a donation to a Fleet Air Arm charity.

The cheque has now been presented to the Fleet Air Arm Memorial Church Appeal, which is raising £300,000 to restore St. Bartholomews, Yeovil.

The AEM Carl Williams Appeal has exceeded its original target of £3,500 by over £1,500 thanks to support throughout the Service. Carl is now at Hereford School for the Blind and has been able to buy an audio computer to assist with his studies.

HMS Sultan presented a cheque for £8,000 to the KGFS, money raised at the annual summer show, making HMS Sultan the lead contributor in the Fund's south eastern area.

Cornwall Air Ambulance have received a cheque for £1,000 from the POs' Mess in HMS Argonaut. Fund-raising events included a horse-racing evening on the flight deck while on deployment and a sponsored slim.

A sponsored bike ride by members of the Multi-Media Resource Centre, who provide training support at RN College Greenwich, raised £850 for the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust. Each member of the team rode from the college to the Royal Hospital School at Holbrook, near Ipswich.

A record £8,000 was raised last year by the FRMO's Mechanical Charity Fund for the Lithotriper Appeal at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth. Charity events included the FMRO Families Day, a run around No. 3 Basin and a raffle.

British Forces in Naples

## Loads of money!

WHEN members of the ship's company of the Portsmouth-based destroyer HMS Manchester headed north to present a £1,600 cheque to the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, the Worsley branch of BOC Ltd. provided an extra boost by donating dozens of helium-filled balloons — plus a further £100.

Pictured receiving the donations on behalf of the hospital is eight-year-old Stephanie Crier, of Mon-ton, Manchester. With her, from left, are CPOs Mick O'Donovan, Kev Headland and Martin Spofforth-Jones and BOC regional sales manager David Beech.

To raise the money, eight CPO cyclists raced their ship in relay from Portsmouth to Plymouth, a distance of 195 miles, which the cyclists won by four hours.



completed their annual sponsored run up Mount Vesuvius raising £2,000 for charities in both Naples and England.

Runners from HMS Turbulent have taken part in a charity run in aid of the Warrington General Hospital's Children's Ward, covering 304 miles from HMS Drake to Warrington.

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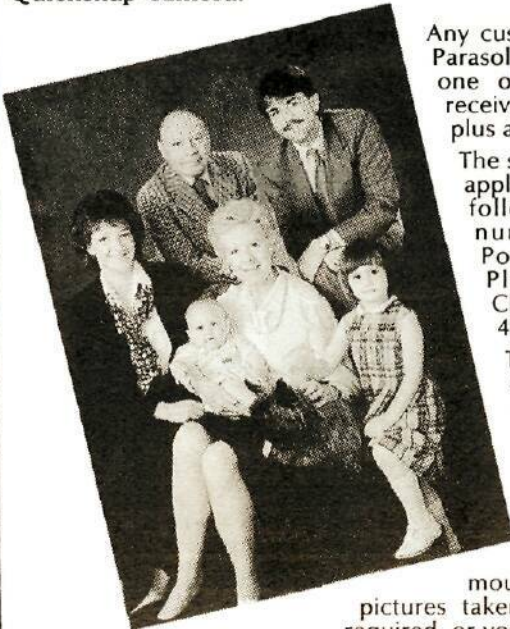
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# New family ID on the cards

TO PROVIDE an official means of identification to those families who wish to hold one, agreement has been reached to extend the issue of the RN Identity Card, form S1511.

Although the card will, hopefully, provide a suitable means of identification to ease entry and alleviate some of the frustrations experienced by Service families its possession will not confer right of access to any ship, establishment or other MOD property — that will still be a matter for individual commanding officers.

Those eligible for the card include wives and husbands and dependent children, ie:

- Children (including legitimated, adopted and step-children) over the age of 16 years and under the age of 18 years who are normally resident in the household.

- Children over the age of 18 years and under the age of 21 years who are normally resident in the household and are in full-time education.

- A son or daughter of 18 or over, certified by a medical authority to be suffering from physical or mental infirmity who is normally resident in the household.

- A child over 18 years who, for compassionate reasons, is acting as the sponsor's housekeeper.

Once the card is issued it will be up to the sponsor to report any changes in eligibility and for returning cards from those no longer entitled to hold them.

## Photographs

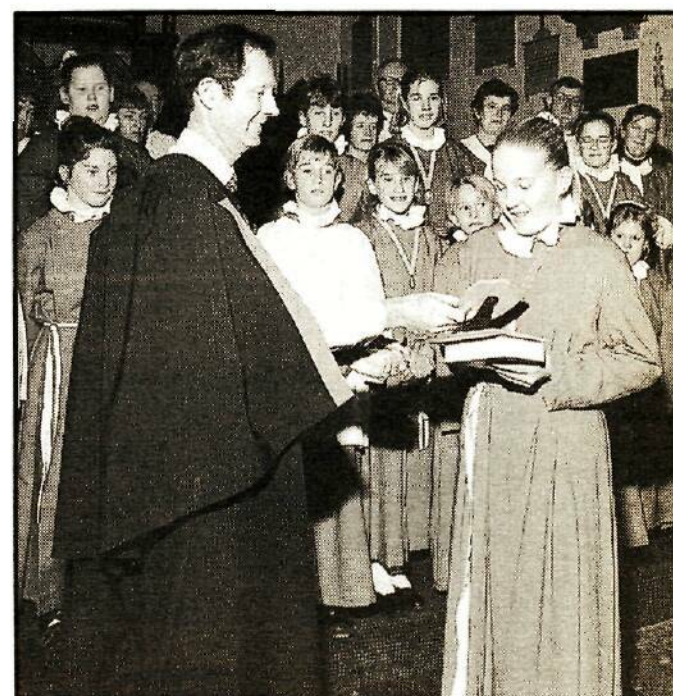
They will also be responsible for providing suitable photographs for the card.

Family Identity Cards will then be valid initially until March 31, 1995 or until the sponsor leaves the Service whichever is sooner.

The loss of any ID card creates a security risk so the Family Card will not be transferable and cannot be loaned to any other person. It should also not be used as a means of identity to non-service authorities ie, in shops and restaurants.

Should there be evidence of carelessness or unsuitability to hold a card on behalf of the sponsor or holder cards may be withdrawn and further issue refused.

Details regarding the card are provided in DCI(RN) 91/92.



## DHANA'S ON SONG

SINCE the formation of a new choir at the Kings' Chapel, in Gibraltar, Dhana Morris did not miss a single practice or service until leaving early this year when her father, CPOSTD George Morris, was drafted back to Portsmouth.

After her final Service, organist and choirmaster Pat Wright presented 12-year-old Dhana with an inscribed shield and her hymn book in recognition of her hard work and dedication. The Service also marked the departure of the Rev. Chris Luckraft, the first naval chaplain of Kings' Chapel.

## It's a knockout



ARMED with hockey sticks, rugby balls and badminton rackets a group of — normally — responsible adults ran riot in HMS Neptune's gym recently.

Was this a mutiny? Or an extreme new fitness programme? Fortunately not, for the 20 participants were under the watchful eye of PT staff as they took part in a charity event in aid of Drumfork Playgroup.

The playgroup, on the Churchill Married Quarters estate, has approximately 40 children and money was badly needed to buy large toys and play equipment and to fund a farm trip.

Leaders, parents and committee members all leapt at the chance to dress up and play It's A Knockout for two hours, raising nearly £400 in the process.

## Home service from SSAFA

CONFIRMING that its housing advisory service is now fully operational, SSAFA said it was available to all leaving the Services, not just those made redundant.

The SSAFA housing office provides details of letting accommodation, low cost housing and other schemes available throughout the country. For information contact: Housing Officer, SSAFA Central Office, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street, London, SE1 2LP (Tel: 071-403-8783).

SSAFA chairman, Admiral Sir Peter Herbert, said: "Our task is to ensure that when people leave the Services their transition from Service to civilian life is as smooth as possible."

## CULDROSE VISIT

WIVES and children of personnel based at RN air station Culdrose rolled out the red carpet for a group of disabled visitors, many of them pensioners, from the Camborne and Redruth Disabled Association.

The visit to the Wives' Club included a game of bingo, a raffle, tea and biscuits and culminated with an enthusiastic sing-song.

## To let or not to let

FINDING a reliable property management agency appears to be a problem for some people, and base port SAFABs are planning to compile a directory of agencies in their area for guidance of people seeking this service in future.

Those recently involved in letting are asked to pass details of their experience with agencies to their nearest SAFAB. These are located at Portsmouth, Plymouth, Rosyth, and Helensburgh, and there is a Families Information Centre at Portland.

Meanwhile the fact sheet "To

let or not to let" has been revised and is available from SAFABs and Unit Personnel Offices.

Now in operation is a Joint Services married quarters co-ordination office to improve the efficient use of married quarters in the London area. The office, staffed by a repre-

sentative of each Service, deals with allocation of MQs to personnel of all three Services posted to the Ministry of Defence and associated offices.

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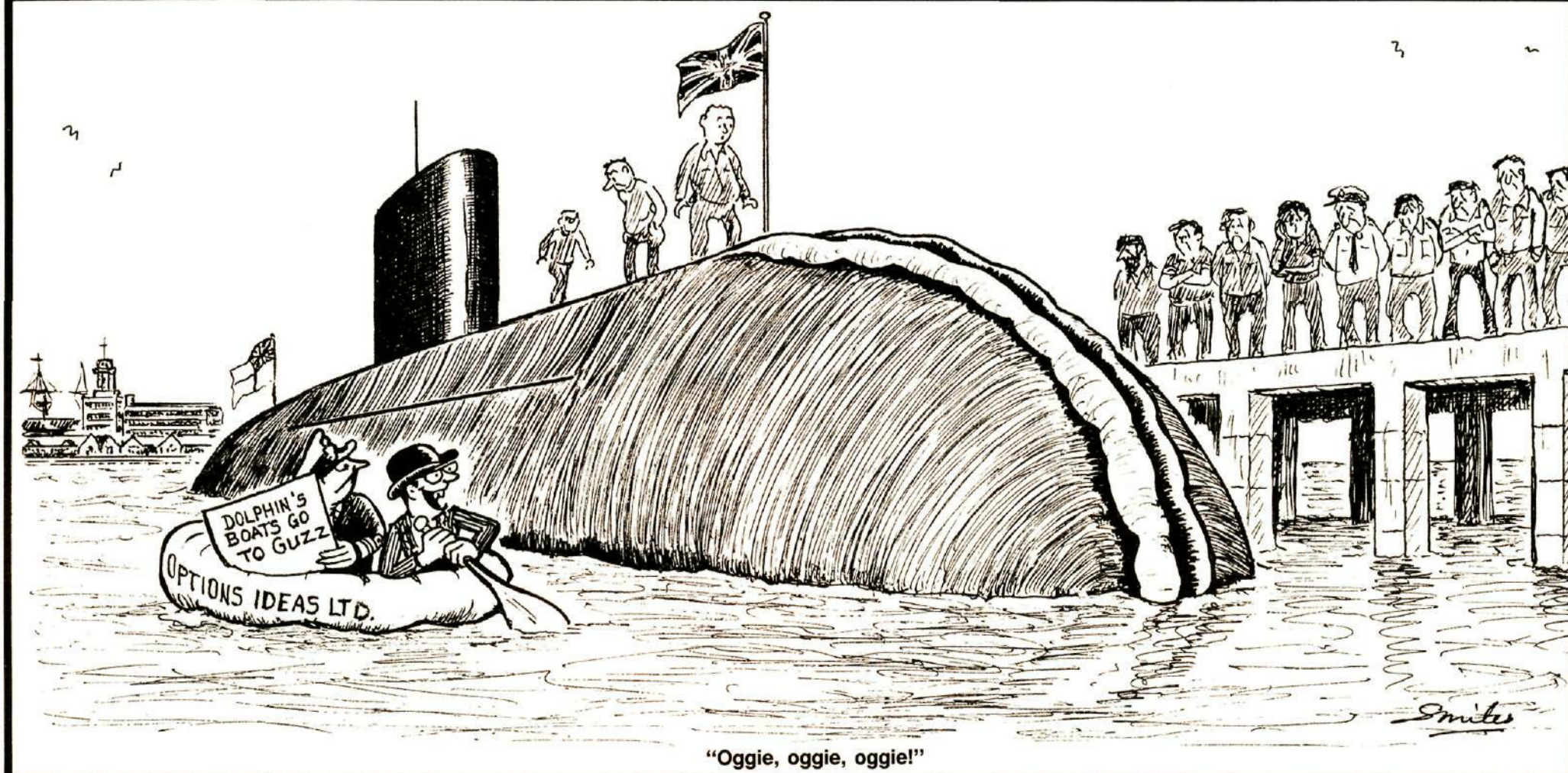
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## NEWSVIEW

### Big impression by new nuke

THE General Election apart, submarines have been making the headlines recently, in particular the Barrow roll-out of the first of the Royal Navy's Tridents. Pictures in this edition convey some idea of the impressiveness of these boats, first of which, HMS Vanguard, now awaits her official naming ceremony shortly.

Meanwhile, questions of how many are to be built — three or four? — and of warhead numbers have featured in the political debate in the run-up to the General Election. Whatever the outcome it remains, of course, the Navy's role to get on with the major and complex job of bringing into service the new boats and ensure they are worthy successors to the Polaris boats in which many submariners have proudly served in maintaining Britain's strategic nuclear deterrent over the past quarter of a century.

There is news too of changes involving HMS Dolphin and the base-porting of the new U-class submarines. Departure of operating subs. from Gosport will cause pause for thought for many an old (and not so old) submariner. Against this, is the knowledge of a continuing and important role for the establishment.

### Firm line on drugs

THE old song "What shall we do with the drunken sailor?" isn't heard so often these days. Which is not, of course, to say that mate-lots don't still enjoy a drink.

In recent times the Service has, in a continuing educational programme, stressed the importance of a sensible attitude to drink. Even more recently the public will have read of court martial cases involving abuse of a different kind — drugs. With their widespread presence in society it would be unrealistic to believe that the Service can isolate itself completely from this menace.

While the Service does not regard it as a major problem, it is clear from penalties imposed by courts martial and in internal procedures that a very serious view is taken and that it will do everything possible to ensure it does not become one.

So, together with education, vigilance and certainly no complacency, there is firmly in place disciplinary procedures to preserve Service integrity, and help avert personal tragedy, where argument does not succeed.

## RULES CHANGE WHEN OFFICERS COMMUTE PENSIONS

# Plans for 1996 and all that

PEOPLE may have heard that Life Commutation is being phased out and that the rules of officers' commutation of pensions change in 1996. Actually, the Life Commutation option will be around for a long time yet, but it is being allowed to "with on the vine" as the result of pension legislation in the mid-1970s — nothing to do with a MOD or Navy decision.

The aim in this article is to explain briefly the changes and allay fears that commutation options will be radically curtailed after 1996.

Given the complexity of the subject, it is useful first to outline the two types of commutation currently available to officers who leave with the necessary reckonable service (which is 16 years from 21):

**Resettlement Commutation:** This was introduced on April 1 1978 and will gradually replace Life Commutation. It allows an officer (or rating for that matter) to raise the difference between his terminal grant (which is three times his annual retired pay) and the terminal grant he would receive in that rank if he was retiring at the full career point at the age of 55.

The cost is calculated by dividing the amount raised by commutation by a divisor which is always less than one and which progressively becomes closer to one the nearer the person gets to 55. (This takes into account the benefit to the individual — and the cost to MOD — of the extra capital being made available.) The resulting amount is then divided by the number of years between retirement and age of 55 to give the amount by which the retired pay will be reduced until reaching 55.

The main advantage of Resettlement Commutation is that the full original pension is restored at 55 and is thereafter increased by the annual pension increases (ie. it is index-linked).

**Life Commutation:** This is worked out on the basis of the retired pay surrendered. This sum is multiplied by a set factor which is dependant upon age; the older you are, the lower this multiplier factor becomes. However, Life Commutation is only available to officers who have service before March 31 1978 and only 50 per cent of service before April 6 1980 can be counted for commutation.

The down-side of Life Commutation is that you are surrendering a proportion of basic retired pay for life; this is lost for good, together with the index-linking which would otherwise have been applied to it.

When Resettlement Commutation was introduced it was agreed that, to safeguard the expectations of all officers already serving, they would be able to commute under both options — Life and Resettlement — until

1996. Officers who leave after April 5 1996 will have to choose one or the other. The Life Option will continue, but there will, of course, be progressively fewer people with significant service before 1980 and none at all by about 2015.

Those who have entered later will be able to take up the Resettlement option and this offers most to those who are not close to the age of 55.

There are a couple of important points to bear in mind about commutation. First, while a big tax-free lump sum is always attractive, it must carry a cost, and this is the element of retired pay which is given up, either for life

**PENSIONS** is — and always has been — a complex subject, especially the aspect of officers' commutation. This article, prepared in MOD for guidance, deals with changes now afoot resulting from pension legislation.

(and who knows how long you will live or what inflation will do), or until the age of 55.

Secondly, commutation is always a matter of personal choice. You can work out from the annual Short Pension Guides and tables of rates how much you can get (at today's rates), but no-one can advise you whether to opt for commutation. Only you know how you will make that money work for you.

Thirdly, and perhaps most important, no-one should feel that the 1996 change radically alters the sums of money which can be raised or that they are going to be disadvantaged by leaving after 1996.

To illustrate the third point, the following two examples illustrate how much could be raised by leaving before and after April 1996 (but remember these figures are based on the 1991-92 tables and these change annually).

#### COMMANDER WITH RECKONABLE SERVICE FROM MARCH 1967, AGED 21

OPTION A: PVR March 1996 at 50 — Takes Life and Resettlement.  
OPTION B: PVR March 1997 at 51 — Life only.  
OPTION C: Normal retirement March 1999 at 53 — Life only.

	OPTION A	OPTION B	OPTION C
Resettlement Commutation	£7,107	—	—
Life Commutation	£59,645	£58,845	£53,454
Terminal Grant	£49,188	£50,610	£57,655
Total sums	£115,940	£109,455	£111,109
The cost:			
Resettlement	£1,839 p.a. until 55	—	—
Life	£3,675 p.a. for life	£3,655 p.a. for life	£3,619 p.a. for life

#### LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER WITH RECKONABLE SERVICE FROM MARCH 1968, AGED 21

OPTION A: PVR March 1996 at 49 — Life and Resettlement.  
OPTION B: Normal retirement March 1997 at 50 — Life only.

	OPTION A	OPTION B
Resettlement Commutation	£6,960	—
Life Commutation	£42,595	£42,458
Terminal Grant	£36,543	£37,932
Total sums	£86,098	£80,390
The cost:		
Resettlement	£1,576 p.a. until 55	—
Life	£2,610 p.a. for life	£2,616 p.a. for life

It should be remembered that in both these examples, the amounts surrendered for Life Commutation would have been index-linked from 55.

Another point is that these sums are the maximum which can be raised. Commutation is not a right and the sums can be reduced downwards (by an independent board) on the basis of medical evidence. And once you have made the decision to commute and accepted the terms (which has to be within 12 months of leaving the Service in the case of Resettlement Commutation), there is no way back; you cannot "buy back" the lost retired pay.

Those needing more information, or wanting to work out how much they are "worth", should consult the annual Officers' Pension Guide and the 1991-92 pension rates letter (both should be in the UPO), or write to DNPP(Accounts) in HMS Centurion for a personal pensions assessment.



# AT WORK AND PLAY, TO THE EAST AND WEST

## ARMILLA PATROL REACHES NEW HEIGHTS

THE TASK of the Royal Navy's Armilla patrol remains a busy and important one, with tension still high in the area, and the threat of military escalation ever present. HM Ships Hermione, Birmingham and Sheffield have now been relieved, after their 194-day deployment, with HMS Beaver and HMS York taking on the roles of sentinels and peacekeepers in the Gulf.

One of the plus points of the Armilla patrol are the brief periods spent away from the area (!) and the ship's company from HMS Birmingham certainly made the most of their opportunities when the ship took a two-week break down south at the Kenyan port of Mombasa, on the east coast of Africa.

Many were able to fly wives, girl-friends and children out for a holiday, sampling Kenya's well-known attractions of sandy tropical beaches and safaris into the game reserves.

An adventurous trained expd was launched to tackle Point Lenora, at 16,355 ft. the third highest peak of Mount Kenya, — no easy task for personnel used to living at sea-level!

Taking the train to Nairobi, and a lift from the army to the foot of the mountain, the 16-man team spent two days covering jungle, scrub and bog and then up to mountainous terrain to 14000 ft, with a further acclimatisation period before the assault on the peak. For the very first time a complete team from a Royal Navy ship made it to the top without anyone lost to altitude sickness.

### Pirates

Back in Mombasa, others from the ship were lending a hand to the locals, with one group refurbishing and decorating at the Little Sisters of the Poor institute in the town, and a band of Birmingham's "pirates" descending on Mombasa Secondary School to give the traditional kids' party, — jelly, ice cream and other goodies, for 70 handicapped children.

Energies were also expended in sporting events — cricket, football, rugby, volleyball and even netball were put forward by the ship, and an enthusiastic and competitive round of sport thoroughly enjoyed by both the local and ship's teams alike.

On passage back to UK it was HMS Sheffield's turn to claim a "first" when three Lynx helicopters crowded on to her flight deck, the two visitors being from Birmingham and Hermione Flights.



### Photographs —

Above, on top of Point Lenora, Mount Kenya, celebrating their successful climb, Birmingham's expd team. Left to right, rear, CCWEA Pete Richardson, Lieut. Guy Haywood, WEM Pete Staley, CPO Mark Coppard and the guide, Joseph Kairu, centre — LSA Chris Hunt, WEM Steve Griffiths, Sub Lieut. Adam Beadsmoore, CPO Pete Wakeman, LS Bob Marlow and AB Mark Samuels, front — LS Mark Harcombe, PO Jimmy Greves and LS Bob Whitlock.



### Left, a pride of Lynx on the flight-deck of HMS Sheffield.

Aircrew are — Lieut. Steve Green, Flt. Cdr., Sub-Lieut. Phil Larkins, second pilot, and Lieut. Martin Connell, observer, centre — HMS Birmingham Flt. Lieut. Guy Haywood, Flt. Cdr., and Lieut. Paul D'Arcy, observer, right — HMS Hermione Flt. Lieut. Mike Greaves, pilot, Sub-Lieut. Pete Campbell, second observer, and Lieut.-Cdr. Graham Jardine, Flt. Cdr.



HMS Brazen (inboard) and HMS Broadsword alongside at HMS Malabar, the Royal Navy base at Bermuda. A tradition at the base are the walls decorated with badges of visiting ships, and the opportunity was taken to re-paint that of HMS Brazen.

## Short stay in Bermuda

FIRST port-of-call after a stormy Atlantic crossing for four ships, HMS Brazen HMS Broadsword and HMS Ariadne, in their Dartmouth training role, and HMS Sirius was the British island colony of Bermuda.

Even here the weather stayed, in the main, distinctly un-typical — cold, wet and windy, but the occasional outbreak of sunshine gave a hint of tropical delight to the ships' companies and to the 60 young officers from Britannia Royal Naval College.

The three Dartmouth training ships proceeded south to the Caribbean where the sun will undoubtedly shine for them. Meanwhile HMS Sirius had gone on her own way, firstly heading west for an eight-day visit to Charleston, South Carolina, where many took sea-leave to explore the delights of the South, including, of course, Disneyworld in Florida.

After enjoying temperatures in the 80s there, it was a complete change for the next port-of-call, Halifax, Nova Scotia, where it barely rose above freezing — but the skiing was good.

Sirius sailed from Canada in company with STANAVFORLANT and for ten days operated within this multinational force before her passage back across the Atlantic to join up with HMS Invincible for participation in Exercise Teamwork 92.





## Dolphin and Blockhouse

HMS Dolphin takes its name from an old wooden frigate berthed alongside Fort Blockhouse as a depot for submarines from 1906-23. Since then it has become synonymous with the Submarine Service — dolphins form its distinctive badge and HMS Dolphin has long been regarded as its Alma Mater.

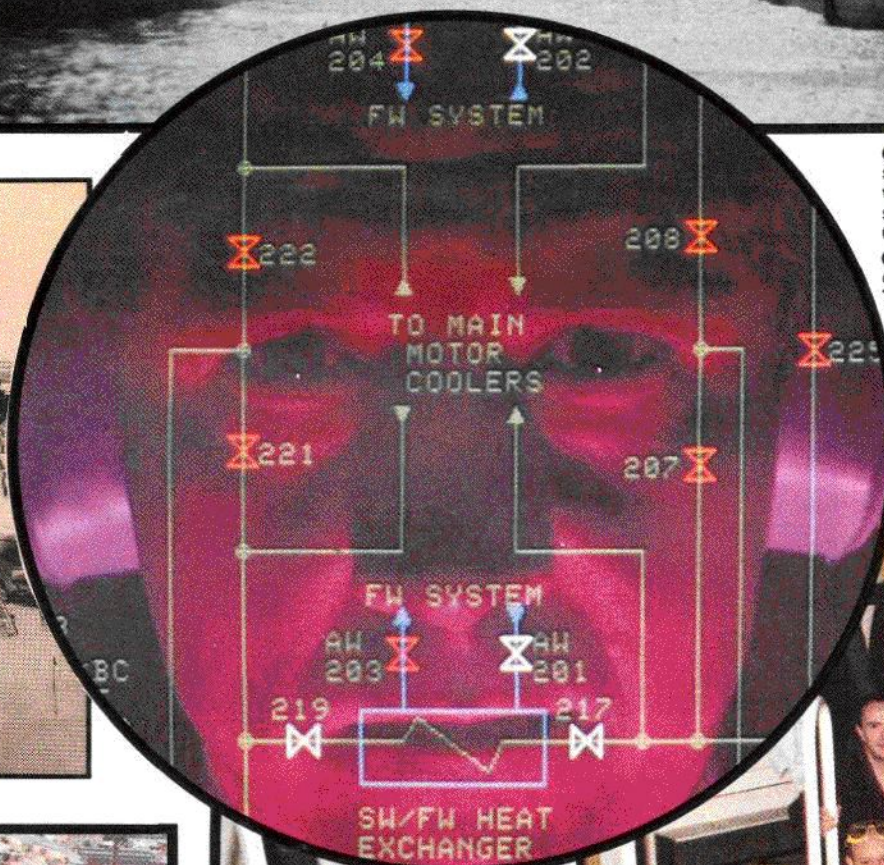
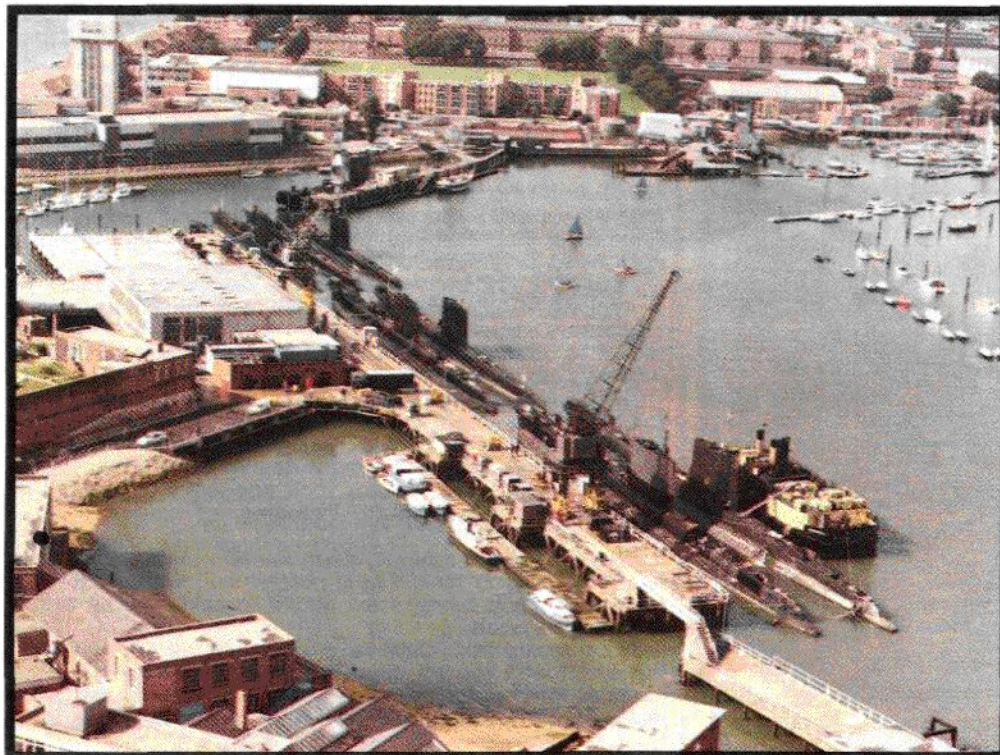
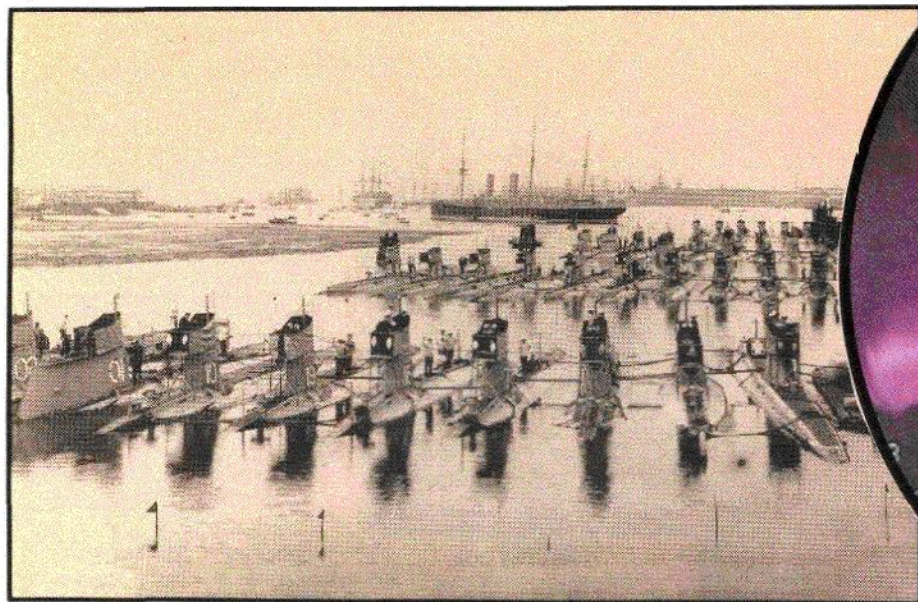
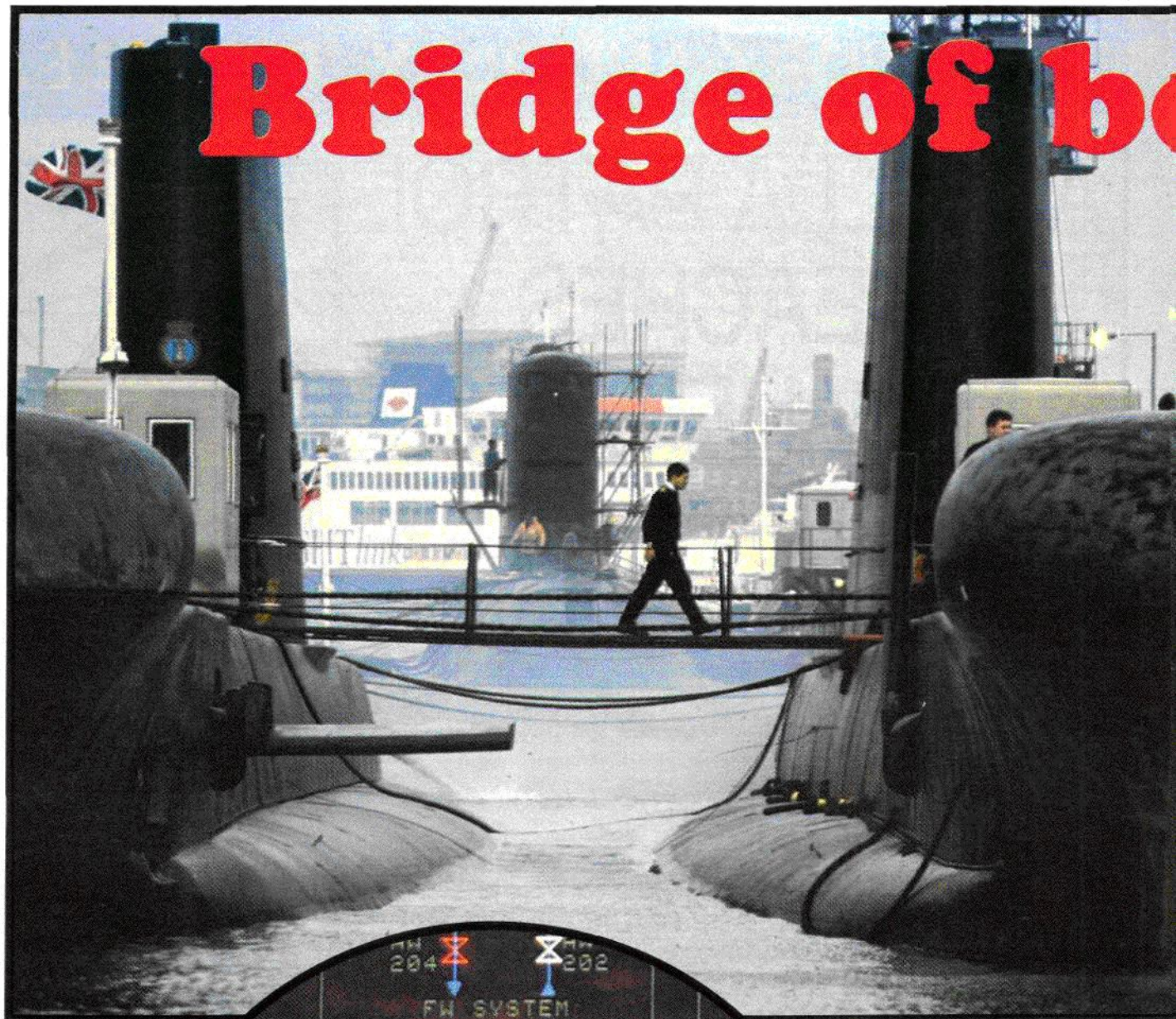
The fort, taken over from the Royal Engineers — who were then responsible for submarine mining — in 1905, dates back for the most part to 1714, but had its beginnings as a military base in 1431 when Henry VI authorised a tower to be built on the Gosport side of Portsmouth Harbour.

To mark the Diamond Jubilee of the Submarine Service and its long association with Gosport, the Honorary Freedom of the Borough was conferred upon it in 1961.

● Top: HMS Opportune, one of the last of the highly successful Oberon Class submarines, carrying the ashes of Admiral of the Fleet Lord Fieldhouse of Gosport for committal in the Solent last month. He was the first submariner to achieve the top post of Chief of the Defence Staff.

● Below: A, B and C Class submarines crowd Haslar Creek, circa 1909.

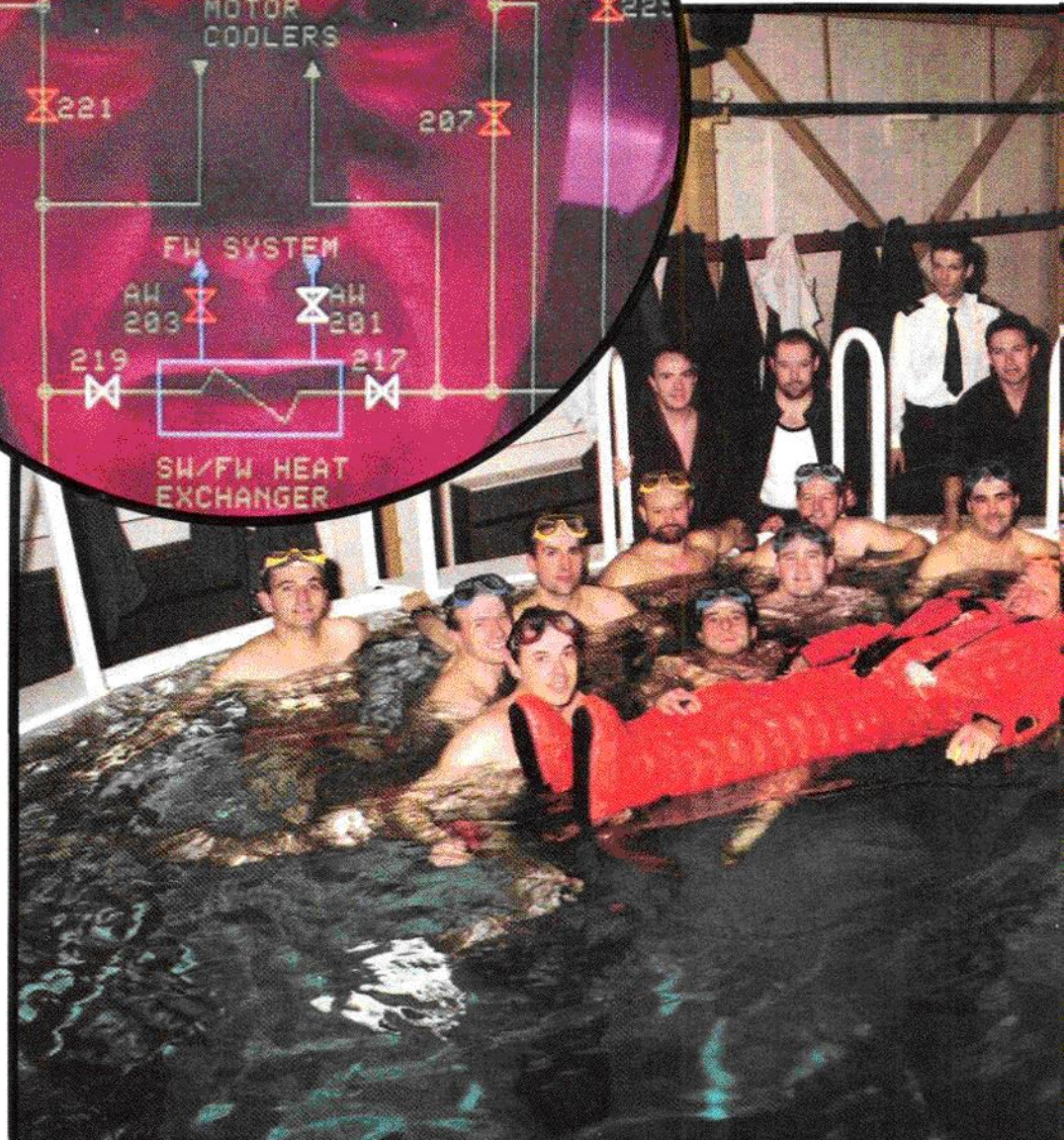
● Bottom: the scene in 1985, with most of the 1st Submarine Squadron alongside



● Above: old and new — HMS Unseen, second of the new Upholder submarines, will be moving to Devonport next year, seen between HMS Osiris and HMS Opposum.

● Left: WO Paul Myers reflected in the control panel of the Upholder Ship Control Trainer.

Pictures: PO(Phot) Jon Garthwaite



● FOSM "does the Tank" — Rear-Admiral Toby Frere surfaces in good hands after making a Submarine Escape Training Tank.



# boats

## As the submarines depart, HMS Dolphin stays to span the gap between old and new in underwater warfare.

NEWS that HMS Dolphin, home of the 1st Submarine Squadron and Alma Mater of the Submarine Service since 1901, is to lose its new Upholder Class boats to Devonport spells the end of over 90 years of continuous submarine operation out of Gosport.

But the Captain SM1, Capt. Tony Smith, is quick to point out that the decision to disband the squadron does not reflect a lack of confidence in the Upholder or in HMS Dolphin — "rather the opposite — Dolphin will consolidate as a vital support and training establishment to play a full and integral role in Portsmouth as it develops to meet the challenge for Defence in the 90s, and beyond," he told Navy News.

"Similarly no one should be in any doubt about the effectiveness of the Upholder Class. These are fine submarines with a great future. If they are to move to Devonport it is from Devonport that they will evolve to be an integral and important part of the Fleet.

"The Upholder has had an entirely unfair Press — its troubles have been hyped up beyond imagination. Every single new class of vessel has teething troubles and this is the first diesel boat we've designed since World War II. In reality there have been very few problems and they now all, without exception, have a solution. Be in no doubt that, in the Upholder Class, the country's money has been well spent.

### Leap forward

"I have served in all types of submarine. The nuclear submarine has an unrivalled mobility for projection of maritime power. However the Upholder, while less mobile, complements the nuclear, being cheaper to buy, cheaper to run, but none the less powerful when on station.

"In addition the Upholder has unique skills both in in-shore warfare and special force operations. The Upholder is quite honestly the best deep water conventional submarine in the world; a Tactical Weapon System similar in all areas of capability to the nuclear, in a hull designed for and equally unrivalled for stealth.

"Set a thief to catch a thief — give me the Upholder any time for that role."

"The future for the Upholder is no less exciting. The introduction of Air Independent Propulsion will be the most enormous leap forward for the conventional submarine; it will no longer need to return to periscope depth to snort and recharge its batteries.

"I would predict that AIP technology will be sufficiently mature in 10- to 15 years to revolutionise conventional submarine warfare. Many of the current mobility barriers will be removed.

"In the meantime we must look at the market overseas. I hope that Canada, as her submarine replacement pro-



● HMS Unseen, visiting London.

gramme gathers momentum, will seriously consider the Upholder Class as their "boats" for the 21st century. They will not find better and will thereby retain their very special links with the Royal Naval Submarine Flotilla."

"And let us not forget our honourable Oberon Class — a true international operated by Canada, Australia, Chile and Brazil as well as the Royal Navy. You wouldn't believe that these boats were over 30 years old, updated as they are with the latest in sensors and weapons. HMS Opossum has recently circumnavigated the world, an 11-month trip of some 36,000 miles with no major defects and only a 21-day maintenance period.

"At the same time the Os have been involved in every area of maritime conflict — it was a rare and moving sight to see both Otus and Opossum return from the Indian Ocean last April in full combat camouflage. This most loyal of submarines will continue to serve us well until finally paid off.

"But to meet the increasingly demanding fighting environment at sea you need both the best hardware AND the best trained crews. The training facilities invested in the Royal Navy Submarine School here provide the base from which to achieve the skills needed by both officers and men to meet the challenge at sea.

"With the arrival of the Mine Warfare School, Dolphin will have a unique seat of learning in modern underwater warfare."

### Great courage

Dolphin already has some of the best submarine training facilities in the world — as is clear from the fact that a third of the officers taking the Commanding Officer's Qualifying Course — the infamous "Perisher" — come from overseas navies.

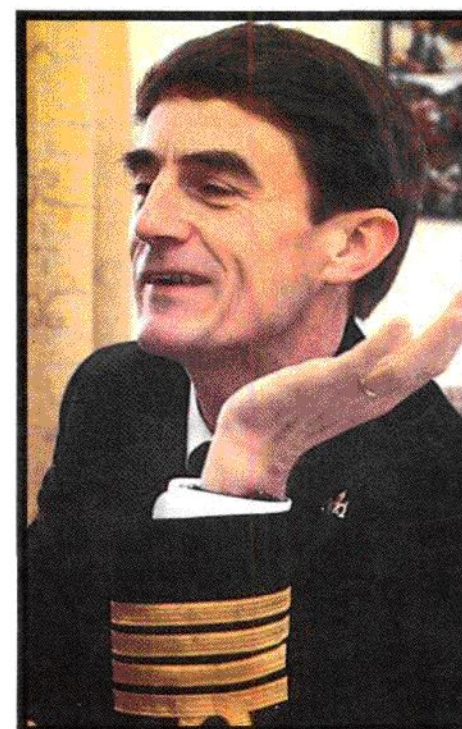
Last year over 3,000 submariners passed through here, taking advantage of the training rigs and simulators to improve their "driving" skills and the special units that train weapons mechanics in handling torpedoes, missiles and mines.

Meanwhile, though the familiar black silhouettes must soon disappear from Haslar Creek, one part of the Dolphin skyline that will emphatically NOT be changing is the tall structure of the Submarine Escape Training Tank.

Gosport's most distinctive landmark has trained thousands of submariners from all over the world since it opened in 1954. The SETT is a fundamental part of the submarine training pipeline, inspiring confidence in the newcomer to submarine life. Despite rumours that it was to be replaced, Capt Smith insists it is "built like a battleship and will last as long as we want it to. It is central to effective escape and rescue in the event of a submarine accident — in escape technology the Royal Navy has long been a world leader."

Captain Smith had a word of reassurance, too, for members of the Submarine Old Comrades Association, whose annual reunion at HMS Dolphin has long been a special point on the social calendar.

"Many of our Submarine Old Comrades served their country with great courage and valour in the Second World War. Dolphin is the birthplace of the Submarine Service, their home and the proper place for them to meet. They will always be welcome here."



**Looking to the future — Capt. Tony Smith: "Air Independent Propulsion technology will be sufficiently mature in 10 to 15 years to revolutionise conventional submarine warfare."**



100 ft ascent through the



# 'This is Thucydides, News at 413BC, in Athens . . .'

**THE MAMMOTH BOOK OF TRUE WAR STORIES**, (Robinson Publishing £5.99) is a title that suggests it is nothing of the kind — but this collection is mostly genuine reportage or scholarly reconstruction and steers clear of sensationalism.

Editor Jon E. Lewis has chosen well — his 50 contributors range from Thucydides writing of the destruction of the Athenian expedition in 413BC to BBC reporter John Simpson, covering the bombing of Baghdad from uncomfortably close quarters in 1991.

Naval subjects include New Yorker war correspondent John Hersey on John F. Kennedy's

epic survival after his PT boat was cut in half by a Japanese destroyer; Canadian James Lamb on the perils of Atlantic convoy duty; Robert Southey's classic description of Trafalgar and Ernest Hemingway's account of D-Day, as witnessed in his role as war correspondent from a US landing craft.

There is also Samuel Eliot Morison on Guadalcanal — and Dan ver der Vat's own judicious examination of the war at sea between the Allies and Japan, **The Pacific Campaign** (Hodder & Stoughton £25), is released as Dr. Robert Ballard (of Titanic and Bismarck fame) is leading a National Geographic sub aqua exploration of Iron Bottom Sound — so named because of the dozens of warship wrecks that lie there.

It is the first general overview from a British writer in

ten years and taps new source material and translations, highlighting the damaging effect of inter-service rivalries on both sides.

## Guadalcanal

The Japanese failure on Guadalcanal and simultaneously in Papua marked a turning point. Less than a year after Pearl Harbour it was American air power that prevented the Japanese from significantly reinforcing or properly supplying their troops. From then on, although the struggle would be long and hard, it was the United States and its allies who were strategically on the offensive in the air, on the ground and at sea.

Van der Vat makes the point that two years later, when the end was finally in sight, the Bri-

tish offer to return to the Pacific was a year or more too late. The Americans had earlier been pressing for more British involvement — Nimitz was loaned the new fleet carrier HMS Victorious in May 1943 when the US Navy was very short of such ships but this was hardly a decisive contribution.

Mountbatten had not been able to do much in the Indian Ocean and the planned offensive in Burma was repeatedly postponed.

"But what would have been welcome in 1943 was decidedly unwanted late in 1944, when Japan was manifestly on the way to defeat . . . The Americans did not want to be seen helping the Europeans recover their colonial empires and needed no help now from the Royal Navy, thank you very much."

It was then, he concludes, that we would actually have been wiser to concentrate in the Indian Ocean for the recovery of Burma, Malaya, Singapore and Sumatra — all in our South-East Asia command area. The Japanese had, after all, moved a large part of their surface fleet to Singapore in February 1944 in order to be near their fuel supplies in the East Indies.

## Muscle in

But the US Navy supremo, Admiral Ernest King, "took the view that the British having spent three years objecting to the scale of American operations in the Pacific were now trying to muscle in on an American triumph (which of course they were)."

Roosevelt had to step in with

a soothing word, overruling his fleet commander for political rather than strategic reasons. King had his revenge, though. He had asked for the loan of six "landing ships, infantry" for use in operations in the Philippines. When the six "latter-day" ships and headquarters vessel of Force X eventually arrived in Australia the US Seventh Fleet took one look at them, classified them as unfit for use in combat zones and decided to use them only in the rearmost areas.

They were eventually earmarked to support the British contribution to the invasion of Japan scheduled for 1946 — and there "can have been few cheers as heartfelt as those of the crews of these wretched and totally unsuitable ships" when the news came of the Japanese surrender in August 1945.

— JFA

## MUSIC SWELLS CHARITY COFFERS



COUNTESS Mountbatten of Burma, Chief of the Defence Staff, Field Marshal Sir Richard Vincent, Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, and the Second Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Michael Livesey, were among the principal guests at the annual Mountbatten Festival of Music.

Above (left): Brass instruments, buckles and buttons glitter under the spotlights at the Mountbatten Festival of Music. The Festival is held annually in memory of Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Life Colonel Commandant of the Royal Marines. (Right) Among the programme sellers were these three Wrens on the staff of Flag Officer Naval Aviation — WrenRO Winnie McCabe, WrenWtr Karen Morgan and WrenTel Cheryl Fenn.

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This took place over three evenings at the Royal Albert Hall in London. The Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines were joined by the "President's Own" United States Marine Band and the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Hosted by Lieut-General Sir Henry Beverley, Commandant General Royal Marines, and Lady Beverley, the Festival was in aid of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children and other Service and civilian charities.

## SURELY 'AIRPLANE' FLIES AGAIN! DON'T CALL ME SHIRLEY

WARPLANES stacked along the flight deck as the sun comes up blood red on the horizon; square-jawed pilots striding purposefully to their machines. *Top Gun*, right? But isn't that sailor toasting hot dogs on the exhaust of a jet? How come a member of the Deck team just pirouetted over the side? And what is that horse doing on board?

As Dorothy confided to her dog when the whirlwind dumped them in the middle of Oz — "I don't think we're in Kansas any more, Toto." No, indeed, for this is *Hot Shots*, which sets out to do for the US Naval Air Force what *Sitting Bull* did for the 7th Cavalry.

The film's pedigree is interesting. Zucker, Abrahams & Zucker may sound like a firm of Manhattan lawyers but in fact they were the team behind, for example, the *Airplane* and *Naked Gun* pictures. But pictures, as so often, breed division, and Zucker I (Jerry) went solo last year with a little number called *Ghost*.

Now from the opposite end of the phone book an unZucker'd Jim Abrahams tries his luck. It must be said that the absence of two-thirds of the original team is noticeable only to those who read credit titles, since the picture offers strictly the mixture as before: the fusil-

lade of movie in-jokes, the Tom & Jerry-style sight gags, with characters cannoning off every hard surface in sight, the literal-minded wordplay (when Charlie Sheen says he has his father's eyes, you may be sure he'll take a little box out of

## Screen Scene

his pocket . . .) Sheen, Lloyd Bridges and Cary Elwes are to be congratulated for keeping straight faces. Audiences are unlikely to be doing the same.

The usually upright and heroic Bruce Willis partakes of an image transplant in *Mortal Thoughts*, emerging as a wife-beating, dope-sniffing, foul-mouthed sociopath. It's giving nothing away to reveal that his character gets bumped off, since that pleasing event has already taken place when the film begins. But whodunit? Via a series of flashbacks sardonic cop Harvey Keitel picks over the suspects, among whom Demi Moore (aka Mrs. Willis) is prominent. It's a downbeat but engrossing tale which doesn't neglect to provide the obligatory twist at the close of proceedings.

Murder is also the subject of several recent video releases. *Let Him Have It* reconstructs a British cause celebre from

the early '50s: the Craig/Bentley case, in which a policeman was murdered, a man was hanged and the letter of the law was at all times strictly adhered to. The film vividly and movingly shows why, nevertheless, this was felt at the time, and felt even more strongly in retrospect, to have been among the more unedifying performances by the legal system of the day.

The American *To Catch A Killer* is a three-hour account of the painstaking police investigation which finally revealed a respectable businessman (frighteningly played by Brian Dennehy) as a homosexual mass murderer, with the remains of about 40 young men laying around his basement. This, too, is said to be based on real-life events, although precise details are not given. There was a time when serial killers were sufficiently rare for a case like this to be instantly identifiable, but I don't think we're in Kansas anymore, Toto.

*A Killing In A Small Town* completes a grisly trio, show-casing a spectacular performance by Barbara Hershey as a paragon of civic virtue, ideal wife and mother, who seemingly out of a clear sky one day chopped up a neighbour with an axe. B. Dennehy, on the right side of the law in this one, fathoms the extraordinary whys and wherefores of the matter.

— Bob Baker

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## FLYING FIRSTS FOR RN ACES

THE RECORD of the Royal Naval Air Service in the First World War has been unjustly overshadowed by the exploits of its Army counterpart. Although the Royal Flying Corps "aces" captured much of the glory on the Western Front, the RNAS was far from being the collection of primitive experimental aircraft of popular imagination.

The early Navy pilots managed an impressive array of firsts in aviation — many of

them far removed from sea-borne operations. They included:

- The first British air raid on Germany (on the Dusseldorf airship sheds, mounted by 3 Sqn from Antwerp)

- The first night bombing raid (on Ostende)

- The first victory over a Zeppelin in the air (by Sub Lieut Warneford, VC).

The first torpedo bombing of a ship from the air; take-off from a turret platform; and carrier landing were also claimed by the RNAS.

These pioneering achievements are recorded in *Royal Navy Aircraft Serials and Units 1911-19* (Air-Britain £28.50), an ambitious project by Ray Sturtivant and Gordon Page that provides histories of over 15,000 aircraft flown by the RNAS and successor units of the RAF in this period. It also lists their squadrons, units and bases, and identifies individual pilots and observers.

All known operations and non-operational casualties are listed, in most cases with brief information on the incident and the aircraft involved and there are over 300 photographs illustrating what promises to be the standard reference on the equipment of a major air arm. — JFA

### Noble berth

"I'VE ALWAYS been 'dead on' for Cromarty and hated Rosyth, which is an unsafe anchorage — the whole Fleet in jeopardy ... and there's that beastly bridge which, if blown up makes egress very risky ... Also Cromarty is strategically better than Rosyth."

So wrote Admiral Sir John Fisher, who became First Sea Lord in 1902 and as a direct consequence of his ideas the Firth of Cromarty underwent rapid development in the first decade of this century.

That period of the Firth's history and the rest of its story — from prehistoric times to present day — is examined in *This Noble Harbour*, by Dr Marinell Ash. It is available direct from the Cromarty Firth Port Authority at £9.50 in softback plus £1.50 postage and packing and at £18 plus £2 p.&p. in hardback. Write to the Authority at Shore Road, Invergordon, Ross-shire.

## A survivor's story

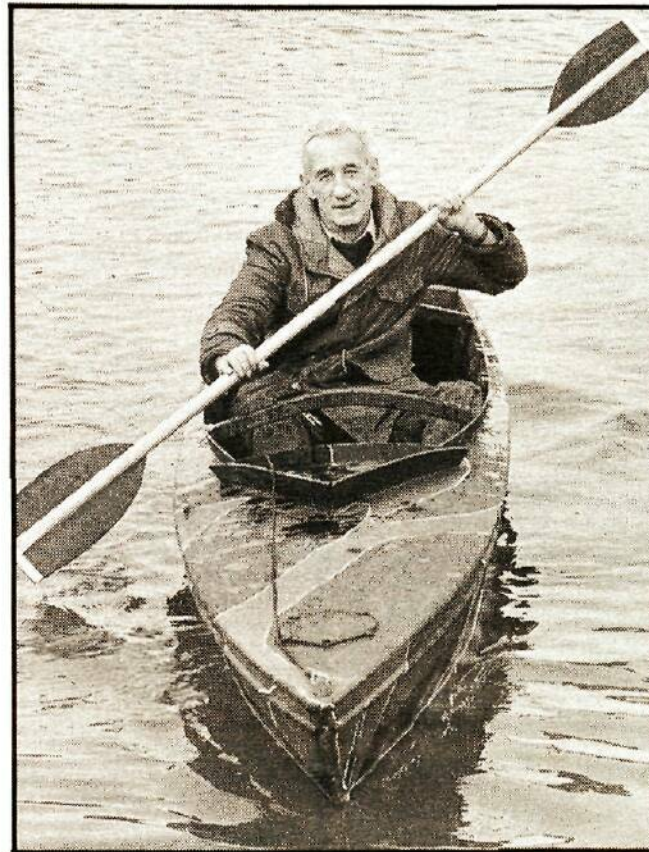
"OPERATION Frankton" was the official code-name for the mission made world-famous by the team of commandos known as the Cockleshell Heroes. It was a suicide mission in all but name — Mountbatten himself expected there would be no survivors. Of the ten men who set out in December 1942 to paddle 60 miles up the estuary of the Gironde to attack a fleet of fast German blockade runners operating out of Bordeaux, only two returned.

One of them was their leader, Major "Blondie" Hasler, and the other was Bill Sparks — now the only member of the team still living. Like so many wartime heroes, the rest of his career has been unremarkable. Apart from a year spent as a police lieutenant in Malaya during the Emergency, he worked for London Transport, finally retiring — due to bronchitis deriving from his war service — as a garage inspector.

Left in straitened circumstances he hit the headlines again a few years ago when forced to sell his treasured DSM — which realised £31,000. He still retains the letters after his name, of course — and fought long and hard to obtain similar posthumous recognition for his companions of 50 years ago.

His version of their story, *The Last of the Cockleshell Heroes* (Leo Cooper £14.95), prepared with the aid of film writer Michael Munn, is as good a memorial as they could have hoped for.

Following a nightmare encounter with a U-Boat on the way in, while embarked in the submarine HMS Tuna, torpedoes whizzing past them "like a motor bike going past", they set out into the fierce buffeting of the tidal race of the estuary — and already one of the



Above: Last of the Cockleshell Heroes, Bill Sparks.

"Cockles" was lost in the bitter night.

Another capsized soon after and Hasler was forced

to order her crew to try and swim ashore — a hopeless task in their frozen state. As the remains of the party pressed on, Sparks could hear him sobbing with grief and rage.

Passing a jetty on which stood a sentry, Sparks' mouth was "pepper-dry from fear" but he had never felt so alive — all his senses were "keener, sharper, more acute than at any other time in my life."

The sentry missed Sparks' boat — but saw one of the others. A single rifle shot rang out. During the first night two thirds of the strike force was lost ...

As it turned out, the men from the first missing boat had been captured. They were executed in keeping with Hitler's notorious Commando Order — after first being interrogated "With no methods barred". They gave nothing away.

The survivors continued, their flagging strength revived with Benzodrine tablets, until they reached their targets and attached their limpet mines. The rest, the story of Hasler and Sparks' escape down through France and into Spain, is perhaps the most exciting part of what is truly "a tale more thrilling ... than any invention by writers of fiction."

—JFA

# NOT YOUR AVERAGE MECHANIC

BY FAR the most famous of all the personalities involved in the history of Royal Air Force Marine Craft was T. E. Lawrence, then pursuing one of his attempts at anonymity in the ranks in the guise of A/C Shaw.

Surprisingly, in compiling an exhaustive 3-volume History (Canimex £11.95, £12.95 and £19.25) Geoffrey Pilborough accords him scant reference and does not even bother to make the connection clear — though Lawrence is mentioned in the introduction for his espousal of air control as a means of policing Iraq, which went some way to justify the continuing existence of the RAF in peacetime.

The author of *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* and *The Mint* — which detailed his RAF experience — penned a lesser known work sometime in the 1920s, it seems — an 80-page manual on *The 200 Class Royal Air Force Sea Plane Tender*, which must now be a valuable collector's item.

### Fascinating

Lawrence was for many years an intermittent visitor to Calshot, Pilborough's survey of the work carried out here, at Lee-on-Solent, Felixstowe etc. in the years 1918-59 is enhanced by a large collection of fascinating photographs — and in a

series of appendices almost as long as the main text is con-



Above: T. E. Lawrence, at home on the water as in the desert. As 'A/C Shaw' he spent several years working with RAF high speed rescue launches.

tained the correspondence between Lawrence and Flight Lieutenant W. G. Jinman, OIC Marine Craft and Motor Trans-

port at Mount Batten and Felixstowe.

Confined entirely to technical matters and showing no sign whatever of the heavily literary style that characterised *Seven Pillars*, it is a curious blend of formal address and chatty asides — an illustration, no doubt, to devotees of one of the century's most enigmatic personalities, of the curious relationship he enjoyed with the officer caste from which he could never quite manage to be detached.

### Fancies

Writing of his impending discharge from the RAF and his move to his cottage, Clouds Hill in Dorset, he concludes: "If you pass that way, do please try and find me at home. 'Home' is very small, only two rooms, so I cannot put you up; but I think it is rather a nice home, and I have fitted it up with all sorts of gadgets, to humour my fancies. You would get a laugh out of it ..."

The History of Royal Air Force Marine Craft 1918-1986 books are available from Canimex Publishing Printing Services (Norwich) Ltd., Meteor Close, Norwich Airport NR6 6HG (Tel. Norwich 427742).

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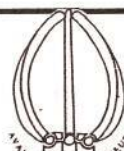
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## Reunions

**HMS Antelope:** Reunion will take place at The Antelope Inn, Barton Road, Hereford, 23 May 92. Cost £3.50 per head. Details from Lieut. R. A. Hutton, Wardroom, HMS Cochrane, Rosyth, Fife.

**Pembroke 84 Club:** WO an., Senior Stewards Reunion Dinner, 12 June 92. Full details from WOSTD Tom Coleman, tel 0705-822351 ext 24261.

**HMS Lauderdale 195:** 43rd annual reunion will be held at Royal Sailors' Home Club, Portsmouth on Wed. 17 June 92. Details from Bill Paterson, 32 Walters Drive, Pimperne, Blandford, Dorset DT11 8UX (tel 0258-453080).

**879 Sqn HMS Attacker:** Reunion arranged for 14 May 92 in Birmingham. Further details from R. Phillips, 243 Kempshott Lane, Basingstoke, Hants. RG22 5NB. SAE appreciated.

**The Fast Minelayer Assn:** (HMS Abdiel, Apollo, Ariadne, Latona, Manxman and Welshman). Reunion and dedication of Association Standard, RNB Devonport, 19-20 Sept 92. Details from Gwyn (Taff) Evans, tel. 0253-46885.

**Dewsbury and District Sea Cadets:** 50th anniv. of the Unit's founding will be celebrated with a reunion weekend 8-10 May 92. Any ex-cadets interested please contact Mr. H. Ellis, 11 Lidgate Close, Batley Carr, Dewsbury WF13 2DP (tel 0924-460767).

**HMS Poppy:** All ship's company interested in joining a reunion on 6-7 June 92 in Potters Bar, Middx. to commemorate the 50th anniv. of the commissioning and adoption by the town are invited to contact Lyndon Thomas, 48 Normandy Ave., Barnet, Herts. EN5 2JA for details, including overnight accommodation (tel 081-449 9902).

**TS Newfoundland:** In conjunction with HMS Newfoundland Assn, a dinner and dance to celebrate the 50th anniv. of the foundation of TS Newfoundland will be held at Penn Hall Hotel, Wolverhampton on Sat 31 Oct. 92. Details from Alan Hall, 49 Wood End, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham B20 1EW (tel 021-3576303) or Lawrence Russell, The Cedars, Kemberton, Shifnal, Shropshire TF11 9LH.

**Majestic Caledonia Assn. 1937 Boys 1939:** The next AGM will be held at RNA Club, Roker Ave., Sunderland on 15 May 92, 1900 hrs.

**Algerines Assn:** With more than 500 members and guests already booked, the forthcoming annual reunion at Portsmouth 8-10 May looks to be another assured success. Full details from Sec. Jack Williams, 395 Lyham Road, Blackpool FY4 1EB (tel 0253-44157).

**HMS Bullen K 469:** Fourth annual reunion will take place at St. Edmunds Hotel, Marine Parade, Gorseford, Gt. Yarmouth on Sat. 11 Apr 92. Dinner 6.30 pm. Overnight accommodation available at reasonable rates. Crew members not already in touch contact Mr. C. W. Silverstone, 31 Sands Lane, Oulton Broad, Lowestoft NR32 3ER (tel 0502-561130).

**HMS Eagle Survivors Assn 1942:** Annual reunion at the Royal Sailors' Home Club, Portsmouth, 11 Aug. 92. Buffet/social evening. Tickets £11 per head. Details from A. Goodenough, 3 Brompton Road, Reading RG3 3HY.

**Helicopter Operations (Malaya Emergency) Assn:** Incorporating 848 Naval Air Sqn, RAF Sqn 194, 155 and Cas-evac Flight. Former members of all ranks are invited to a reunion dinner on Saturday 7, November 1992 at Pine Lodge Hotel, Kidderminster Road, Bromsgrove, Worcs. Details from Les Smith, Oakdale Lodge, Washhills Lane, Hopwood, Alvechurch B48 7AT.

**HMS Plym, Monte Bello Atomic Test, Oct. 1952:** Next reunion will be held at Ten-Ten, Kent, in July 1992. Further details from Mr. S. K. Murray, 40 Fife Road, Peacehaven, Sussex BN10 8DB (tel : 0273-582037).

**TS Itchen, Winchester Sea Cadets:** An Old Boys reunion to celebrate 50 years of the Sea Cadet Corps will take place on 15 May 1992 in Winchester. Details from the Commanding Officer, TS Itchen, Winchester Sea Cadet Unit, Parchment Street, Winchester, Hants.

**HMS Swiftsure, Helsinki '52:** Cruiser Swiftsure, any ship's company interested in 40th anniv. reunion of Helsinki visit '52, possible date Sept/Oct 92, contact David George, Magnolia, Royce Way, West Wittering, Sussex PO20 8LN (tel 0243-514583).

**S49 Keppel and Grenville Apprentices:** A register is being compiled of current whereabouts of artificer apprentices who were part of Keppel and Grenville Divs. at HMS Caledonia 1954-67 with a view to a reunion dinner. Contact B. J. Perkins, 28 Sycamore Close, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 0DZ (tel 0789-266043).

**HMS Eagle (1970-72):** Third reunion will be held in Portsmouth on Sat. 22 Aug. 92. Any ex-Eagles wishing to attend this 20th anniversary of the ship's end please contact ex-LOEM Dave (Dutchy) Holland, 145 Legrams Lane, Bradford, Yorks. BD7 2AA (tel 0274-521325).

**HMS Croome (1941-44):** Annual reunion will be held in Bromsgrove on Sat. 23 May 92. Details from R. Coulson, tel Leyland (0772) 622223.

**HMS Coniston M1101 (1952-70):** All former ship's company are invited to attend a social exchange and reunion weekend at Coniston, Cumbria on 22-24 May 92. Further details from Tony Quick, tel 0923-677296 or J. Worth, Ton class Assn, tel 0208-872452.

**Duncan Division, Artificer Apprentices, 1942-46:** Reunion weekend 30 Oct 92 at Meridian, West Midlands. Contact L. Goodall, tel (Southampton) 0703-848601.

**HMS Fulmar:** Reunion to be held at the Laverock Bank Hotel, Lissiemouth on 9 May 92. Up spirits 1930 hrs. Further information from Mr. J. Williams, 98 Spynie Street, Elgin, Morayshire IV30 2LX.

**HMS Royal Arthur Assn:** 50th anniv. or Signal Class 518, 1942-1992. Reunion at Skegness, 7 May 1992. Still trying to contact following class members - Baber, Barnes, Brenton, Chapple, Evans, Edwards, Eli, Fenne, Green, Grimes, Holmes, Hopkins, Kimber, Machin, Major, Mitchem, Mener, Rowland, Smith, Slack, Swatling, Thompson, Varcoe, Woodfield, Williams. Please contact Fred Hampson, 24 Lea Gate Close, Harwood, Bolton BL2 4AA (tel 0204-302857).

**HMS Hermes:** 50th memorial service will be held at Plymouth Hoe Naval Memorial at 11 am on Thurs. 9 Apr. 92 with a memorial dinner in the evening. All enquiries to Peter Baptie, 16 Virginia Close, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3RB (tel 081-949-5648).

**Arctic Campaign Veterans, Second World War:** International reunion, 2-12 July 92 at Glasgow, Liverpool and Portsmouth, under the auspices of the North Russia Club. Brochure and booking form from Reunion Secretary, P. A. Skinner, The Anchorage, Burscott, Clovelly, Bideford, Devon EX39 5RR (Sae A5 size, please).

**6th Destroyer Flotilla Assn (1944-46):** Eighth reunion for former shipmates of HMS Caesar, Cambrian, Caprice, Carron, Carysfort, Cassandra, Cavalier, Cavendish and Petard, to be held at Blackpool on Sat. 7 Nov. 92. Details from R. Millward, 1 King Street, Chester CH1 2AH (tel 0244-315755).

**Maritime Royal Artillery Old Comrades Assn:** Royal Artillery Gunners together with RN ratings manned DEMS (Defensively Equipped Merchant Ships) during Second World War. An AGM of the association is to be held at Pontins Holiday Camp in Southport along with a get-together for all members during the week 18-22 May 92. Ex-Royal Navy DEMS ratings would be most welcome to attend. Further information from the Hon. Sec., Mr. L. Wheble, Fynnongoch Cottage, Penn wch, Tregaron, Dyfed SY25 6DZ.

**RAF Shawbury, Trade Training Flight Instructors:** Reunion of instructors who have taught at Trade Training Flight at RAF Shawbury is being held on Sat. 8 Aug. 92. TTF will be open in the afternoon for visitors to look around, in the evening there will be a party with buffet supper, a bar and a dance. Anyone interested please ring TTF (0939-250351 ext 7288) for more information.

**Tobruk, September 1942:** Our next reunion for all survivors from HMS Zulu, Sikh, Coventry and others that took part will be held at Plymouth on Sept. 14, the 50th anniv. Details (see please) from Tom Cox, 239 Linketty Lane, Crownhill, Plymouth PL6 5JY (tel 0752-701652).

**26th Destroyer Flotilla (1943-45):** HM Ships Saumarez, Vernal, Virago, Vigilant, Venus, Volage, Myngs, Kempenfelt, and survivors of HMS Hardy. 5th reunion is being held on 6 June 92 at the Victory Club, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. Will shipmates contact Jack Greenwood, The Chalet, Tyburn Lane, Pulloxhill, Beds. (tel 0525-712379).

**HMS Punjabi 1942:** on Friday 1st May, the 50th anniv. of the sinking of HMS Punjabi after collision with HMS King George V, a simple memorial ceremony is to take place at 4pm with the laying of a wreath at the War Memorial at Plymouth Hoe. Patrick Phillips invites all old shipmates, and any others, and he intends to arrange overnight accommodation if required, with perhaps a reunion evening meal. Please contact him at 56 Melbury Road, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2RP (tel Bristol 715749).

**HMS Bicester L34:** 10th annual reunion and 50th anniv. of launch will be held at the King's Arms Hotel in Bicester, Oxon on weekend of 6-7 June 1992. Ex-shipmates wishing to attend please confirm with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Iles 27 Inhurst Way, Tadley, nr Basingstoke RG26 6DF (tel 0734-813107).

**HMS Cossack D57:** 8th Destroyer Flotilla Leader. Reunion and standard dedication will be held at TS Cossack, London Road, Crawley, W Sussex on 12/13/14 June 1992. Full details from G. W. Toomey, 1 Parkhurst Road, Panton, Birkenhead L42 9LA (tel 051-608 6831).

**HMS Mermaid:** All members of 5th and 12th Escort Groups and 2nd Frigate Sqn are welcome to attend the reunion to be held in the WO's and CPO's Mess, HMS Daedalus on August 1. For details contact J. Anderson, 123 Ingleborough Drive, Sprotborough, Doncaster DN5 7AB (tel 0302 784 946).

**HMS Tatoo (1943-46):** The fifth reunion will be held at Portsmouth Royal Sailors' Home Club on June 3/4. Details from Arthur (Joe) Rue, 30 East Drive, Blunsdon Abbey, Swindon SN2 4DP (tel 0793 724490).

**16th Destroyer Flotilla** reunion will be held in Harwich on May 9-10. Details from Tom Vann, 19 Thurcaston Rd., Leicester LE4 5PG (tel 0533 669200).

**HMS Windsor** reunion will be held on July 25-26. Details from Tom Vann, 19 Thurcaston Rd., Leicester LE4 5PG (tel 0533 669200).

**HMS Trafalgar (1959-61):** Third reunion will take place at Royal Sailors' Home Club, Portsmouth, Sat. 21 November. All members of ship's company invited. Details from Albert Senior, 1 Hill Farm, Castle Area Road, Great Dunham, King's Lynn, Norfolk (tel 0760-755094).

**HMS Onslow:** The town of Oldham which adopted the ship in 1942 is arranging a civic reception for former members of the ship's company on Wed. 10 June. If you served on board her at any time between 1941-45 please contact Bish Wellman, tel 0323-898937, unless you have already responded to invitation.

**QARNNS (Ratings) Assn:** AGM, reunion and dinner to be held at RNH Haslar, Sat. 13 June. AGM at 2 pm (new members welcome to attend). Members only eligible for the dinner - application forms for membership and details from the Sec. Mrs. M. Theodows, 11 Lyndhurst Road, Gosport, Hants. PO12 3QY (tel 0705-529870).

**WRNS OTC Greenwich, April-July 1967:** Anyone interested in reunion at end of June please contact Jan Nicholson (nee Borough) tel 0234-371321.

**HMS Manchester Assn:** AGM will be held at Stretford, Manchester on Sat. 30 May with church service on Sun 31st. All attending please notify Sec. L. McDonald, 37 Edmund Road, Southsea, Hants PO4 0LL (tel 0705-739384).

**HMS Nubian (1964-66):** Reunion will take place on 29 Aug. in the WO's and CPO Mess, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. All enquiries to CPO Nicklin, 0705-756922 or 0329-43930.

**HMS Barham Survivors Assn:** 36th annual reunion dinner will be held at Royal Sailors' Home Club at 1800 on Sat. 9 May. Further details from Percy Cullum, tel. 0903-263350.

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**Macmillan Nurse Appeal:** Launched last autumn and aiming to raise £20 million to fund the cost of 260 hospital-based nurses who will help care for cancer sufferers, this appeal has a series of events in 1992. A number of ships and establishments have already expressed interest by making it their "charity of the year" or are taking part in one or more of the events. These include the "Walk (or jog, skip etc.) a Macmillan Mile" challenge being held between June 6-14. Further information from: Michael Williams, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 15-19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

**36th Escort Group 1941-42, 2nd Support Group 1943-4:** Could anyone who served with Capt. F. J. Walker in ships under his command, or as Capt(D) Liverpool during the Battle of the Atlantic, please get in touch with Alan Burn, Mary Steps, Church Park, Newton Ferrers, Plymouth PL8 1AJ, who is writing the story of his life at sea (tel 0752-872457).

**HMS Galatea, cruiser, 1941:** Galatea was sunk some 30 miles west of Alexandria by U-557 in Dec. 41. Among those lost was "Uncle Sam" - Leading Stoker G. Hutton, a veteran of the Gallipoli Campaign. Information on "Uncle Sam" or Galatea, or indeed any other veterans from Gallipoli would be appreciated by D. Saunders, The Gallipoli Assn, Woosung, Pointfields, Hakin, Milford Haven SA73 3EB.

**Lieut. M. H. B. (Michael?) Solomon RNVR:** Brian Jeffrey Street, 86 Hopewell Ave, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1S 2Z1, is writing a biography of Cdr. J. C. Clouston RN, piermaster of the east mole at Dunkirk in 1940. He wishes to contact or obtain information concerning Lieut. Solomon, whose duties reportedly included serving as Clouston's interpreter and who was aboard Seaplane Tender 242 when it was attacked and sunk in the Channel.

**HMS Woolwich 1944-46:** Anyone having knowledge of the origin of a pewter pot engraved "HMS Woolwich, Aug 44-Mar 46" please contact Mr. D. J. Smith, 18 Elmleigh Road, Littlebourne, Nr. Canterbury, Kent (tel 0227-721830).

**HMS Raleigh (1977-79):** Any ship's company serving in Raleigh during this period and know Debbie Gammon (nee Jay) or Faith Stuart (nee Dyer), please contact them on Plymouth 0752-481863, with a view to a reunion.

**HMS Forester (1942-45):** Ex PO Radio/Radar Mech. Christopher Fletcher who served in HMS Forester, is gathering information about F-class destroyers in the Second World War and would very much like to meet up with any of his old shipmates. He is visiting UK from New Zealand in May/June this year. Contact can be made through Mrs. Wendy Stephens (his niece) at Arden Grange, London Road, Albourne, Hassocks, Sussex BN6 9BJ (tel 0273-832416).

**HMS Gentian (1943-45):** Liverpool-Argentina, Newfoundland, Normandy '44, Edwin Barton, 14 Cruickshank Crescent, Meadowbank, Auckland 5, New Zealand would like to hear from old shipmates.

**HMS Rancee (1945-46):** (Auxiliary aircraft carrier) England-Australia, England-Singapore, Edwin Barton, 14 Cruickshank Crescent, Meadowbank, Auckland 5, New Zealand would like to hear from old shipmates.

**350 Squad Royal Marines, Lymington 1942:** Would any surviving members please get in touch with ex-Marine S. Macpherson, 6 Blackberry Lane, Briar Hill, Northampton NN4 9QU.

**Arakan, Burma, Mayu River Patrol 1943:** Calling anyone who served under Lieut. Cdr. Robert Franks at Chittagong and Burma, in particular ABs Teasdale and Roberts, Lieuts. Warner DSC and Parker (S. Africa), PO Cook and Sub Lieut. Ling. Provisional arrangements have been made for a reception at Dartmouth on 5 May. Please contact Jack Barnett (Weston-s-Mare) 0934-419725 or Ken Carpenter on Bath 311537.

**11 L.B.V. Flotilla:** Calling any ex-shipmates, especially George Robinson, George Wilkinson, Sid Willets, and all crew members of LBV 106, skippered by Sub Lieut. Carson. Contact ex-Sto 1 F. W. Smith, 19 Guardian Court, Moat Lane, Yardley, Birmingham B26 1TW.

**Dekhelia, Western Desert 1942:** Calling Flash Evans (ex Fairfield Road, Bow, London). We were together 49 years ago at Dekhelia. Have photo of when we were issued with a horse! Please get back in touch with Bill Manners, 25 Harefield Road, Sidcup, Kent DA14 4RJ.

**HMS Loch Quich (1944-46):** Any ex-shipmates please contact Sandy Powell, 162 Dartmouth Road, Paignton, Devon TQ4 6NP (Jack Dusty and Bosun already contacted).

**Derek Goddard:** ex-Marsden, nr. Huddersfield. Served Raleigh 1966-7, Dryad 67, Bulwark 67-69, Dryad 69-70, Trevor Stokes, 9 Sycamore Road, Golf Links, Wednesbury, West Midlands WS10 0BE would like to contact him.

**HMS Heron 1946 Effingham Mess:** Would Tony Clare and Ken Harris please contact Paul Brazier, tel 0793-825166.

**Fast Minelayers:** All shipmates living in the South-West who served in the fast minelayers HMS Abdiel, Latona, Manxman, Welshman, Apollo and Ariadne are invited to join the Plymouth and South-West section of the Fast Minelayers Assn which is being formed. Gordon Ferris would be glad to hear from you, tel 0803-833740.

**The Penelope Assn:** open to all who served in the cruiser (1936-44) and more recently the frigate (1963-91). Details of membership from Michael Bee (LS Sonar 1977-78), 1 Oddfellows St, Mirfield WF14 9AB.

**RN Auxiliary Service RNXS:** 1992 is the 40th anniversary of the formation of the RN Minewatching Service, the forerunner of the RNXS. Ex-members of the RNXS are invited to get in touch with John Dukes, 12 Bala Road, Gabalfa, Cardiff CF4 2QL with a view to forming a national organisation.

**HMS Canopus, Alexandria (1943-44):** Dave Sandell (ex-AB AA3), 3 Charles House, Freemans Way, Deal, Kent CT14 9DL (tel 0304-368775) would like to hear from anyone who served in Capt.F's AA Pool or AA Range, Fort Alta, during those years.

**HMS Zambesi (1944-45):** John Booth, 64 Carr Wood, Hale Barns, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 0EA (tel 061-980 5119) would like to hear from members of the ship's company who would wish to attend a reunion in Dorset in Sept.

**888 PR Squadron (1944-46):** Former shipmates who served in the UK and Far East who would consider renewing associations with view to possible reunion, please contact Tom Russell (ex-AF/E) tel 061-8457580 or Joe Kelly (ex-AF/L) tel 0902-782471.

**HMS Maidstone:** Keith Smith, c/o RNBT, 311 Twyford Ave., Portsmouth PO2 8PE would like to hear from shipmates who served with Leading Torpedoman Albert Smith.

**HM submarine Totem:** Ex-stoker Harry Taylor, 13 Old Mill Lane, Wannock, Polesgate, East Sussex BN26 5NS (tel. 0323 485346) would like to hear from any of the original crew and from anyone who knows the history of the Totem pole.

**HM ships Ganges (1935) and Courageous (1936-38):** Douglas Savage, 2 Townsend Rd., Cottingham, N. Humberside HU16 5EE (tel. 0482 843643) would like to hear from anyone who knows the whereabouts of Frederick Bradburn. They were "Ganges" boys together and both served in HMS Courageous.

**Aircraft Handlers:** Bill (Jack) Wightman was a member of the first AH3's course, held at RNAS Easthaven (HMS Peewit). He would like to hear from any ex-handlers - contact him at 14 Rowlands House, Risinghurst, Oxford OX3 8JQ (tel: 0865-61001).

**Harrow Sea Cadet Corps:** A 50th anniversary reunion is planned for 30-31st May. Ex-cadets are invited to contact CPO G. W. Nash, 20 Wood Close, Harrow HA1 4AS (tel. 081 422 6800).

**HMS Jackal (1939-42):** Ex-CPO C (Jan) Bright, 21 Trevance, Green Lane, Penryn, Cornwall TR10 8RD (tel. 0326 372188) would like to hear from former shipmates with view to a reunion of the J and KS in London on May 9.

**HMS Vesper:** Skipton RNA are hosting a reunion for the ship's company of HMS Vesper (adopted by them during the Second World War) on August 28/30. About 25 former shipmates have already been in contact but they would like to hear from others. Write to The Secretary, Skipton RNA, 1 Raines Drive, Bradley, nr Keighley BD20 9EW (tel 0535 636343).

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**HMS Lysander, Toronto 1944:** John Pocock, 45 York Road, Easton, Bristol BS5 6BL (tel. 0272-511494), has a 28in x 8in photo of Lysander's ship's company taken in Toronto in 1944. If anyone (ex-Lysander?) would like same it's theirs for the asking.

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THE 10,850 ton HMS Hermes, the first vessel designed for the Royal Navy from the outset as an aircraft carrier as against previous conversions. She carried 20 aircraft, and was armed initially with 10 6-inch guns, later replaced with 5.5 inch. She was sunk, along with her two escorts, by a Japanese air attack off Trincomalee, Ceylon (see below).

## FIFTY YEARS ON

**A LOOK BACK at the wartime operations of the Royal Navy half a century ago this month:**

During this month Axis Air forces set out to neutralise Malta as an air and naval base. They flew 5,807 bomber sorties, 5,667 by fighters and 345 by reconnaissance aircraft.

Nearly 7,000 tons of bombs were dropped, exceeding the greatest tonnage dropped on the whole of the UK during the height of the Battle of Britain. Over 3,000 tons of these fell on the Dockyard. By the end of the month no surface ships remained operational and the 10th Submarine Flotilla had to be withdrawn to Alexandria.

Another bad month for merchant shipping losses; 132 ships sunk, 674,000 tons - 150,000 tons in the Indian Ocean, which was becoming an active theatre.

Principal events included

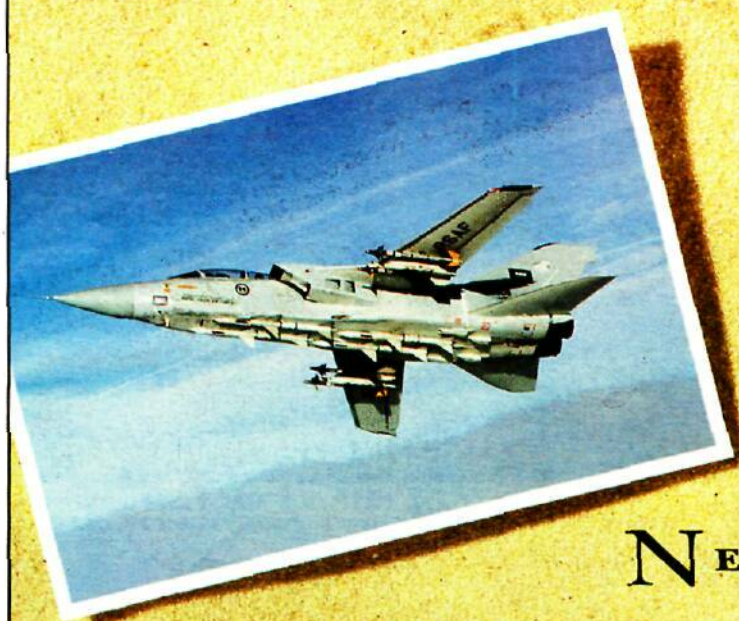
- 1: HM submarines Pandora and P36 sunk in air attacks on Malta. HM submarine Urge sank Italian cruiser Bande Nere, already damaged in the Second Battle of Sirte.
- 4: HM ships Penelope and Lance damaged in air attack on Malta.
- 5: HM minesweeper Abingdon sunk in air attack on Malta.
- 6: HM ships Cornwall and Dorsetshire sunk by Japanese carrier-borne aircraft off Maldives. HMS Tenedos and HM tug Hector sunk by Japanese air attack on Colombo.
- 6: HMNS Indus sunk by Japanese air attack off Akrotiri.
- 9: HM ships Hermes and Hollyhock and HMAS Vampire sunk by Japanese air attack off Trincomalee. HMS Lance hit again in air attack on Malta. In 1943 towed to Chatham and scrapped.
- 11: HMS Kingston hit in dry dock in air attack on Malta. Total loss.
- 14: HM ships Stork and Vetch sank U-252 in North Atlantic. HM submarine Upholder (Lieut. Cdr. M. D. Wanklyn, VC) sunk by Italian escort when attacking convoy SE of Malta.
- 15: Malta awarded the George Cross by King George VI. This was a unique personal award by the King, not gazetted.
- 16: Royal Marines landed on Crete from HM ships Kelvin and Kipling and destroyed German radio station.
- 28: HM submarine Urge, on passage to Alexandria, sunk by mine on leaving Malta.
- 30: HMS Edinburgh, covering convoy QP11, torpedoed by U-456 in Barents Sea.

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FRACTIONS of time, as usual, but also a nail-bitingly awaited jury decision determined the outcome of the 1992 Inter-Services Bobsleigh Championships in favour of the Army.

The competition, on the challenging track at Igls in Austria, demanded the very best of the drivers and brakemen. At the end,

before the Inter-Service and Bob West, not surprisingly, was named best driver, with his partner in the bob, Steve Day, best brakeman.

## NN Bobsleigh

only 1.48 seconds separated the combined times of the Navy's four bobs from those of the Army, with the RAF, four-hundredths of a second faster than the RN, in second place.

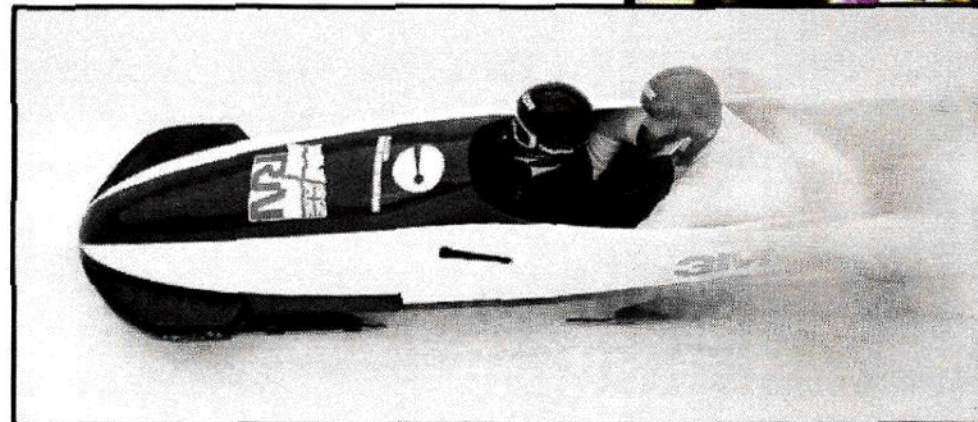
There was a consolation for the Senior Service in the naming of veteran driver PO Bob West (Heron) as Combined Services Champion, for the fastest total of runs in the four races which counted for the Championship.

The Navy held their own Championship the day

Organisers thank British Aerospace for their vital sponsorship of the event, and also Courage and Viscount Marchant, whose support helped make the Championships possible.

Right: Inter-Services Bobsleigh Champion 1992 PO Bob West, with brakeman Steve Day, sets off at the top of the demanding Igls track. Races are won and lost in the speed and slickness of the getaway.

Below: A Navy bob at speed.



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A MILE of twisting, steep turns on ice sculpted into the Celerina Valley each winter ... that's the Cresta Run at St Moritz, Switzerland, and each year there's an Inter-Service Cresta Competition.

The rider lies face down on a toboggan weighing some 60lbs and adjusts his body position in order to

peted in the Harland Trophy event for team reserves and ex-Servicemen were first season riders Lieut. Andy Mills

## NN Cresta Run

achieve the best lines during the run, writes Lieut. Phil Ireland. Get it wrong and he will more than likely exit the ice at high speed. (Departing the run at the notorious Shuttlecock Corner entitles the rider to wear a special tie.)

The thrill of riding the lower banks and final straight at speeds approaching 80 mph with one's face only inches off the ice, is however a good incentive to take the right line through Shuttlecock and reach the charming village of Celerina.

This year the Navy fielded a squad of eight, no less than four of them novices. Despite valiant efforts they were pushed into second place by the more experienced RAF team; the Army taking third place.

Lieut.-Cdr Andy Jeffrey (NAWDG), the captain, enlisted the services of former Olympic luge rider Lieut.-Cdr. André Osborne (Collingwood), returning to the Cresta after eight years away. AB(SR) Pat Riley was also making a comeback, bravely after crushing two vertebrae in his first season two years ago.

Lieut. Tim Dathan (Thunderer) and I (Ledbury) were joined by novice Mne Dave Wiltshire (Comacchio Group) to complete the team on race day. Dave was awarded a newly-introduced prize as most promising Service novice.

Squad members who com-

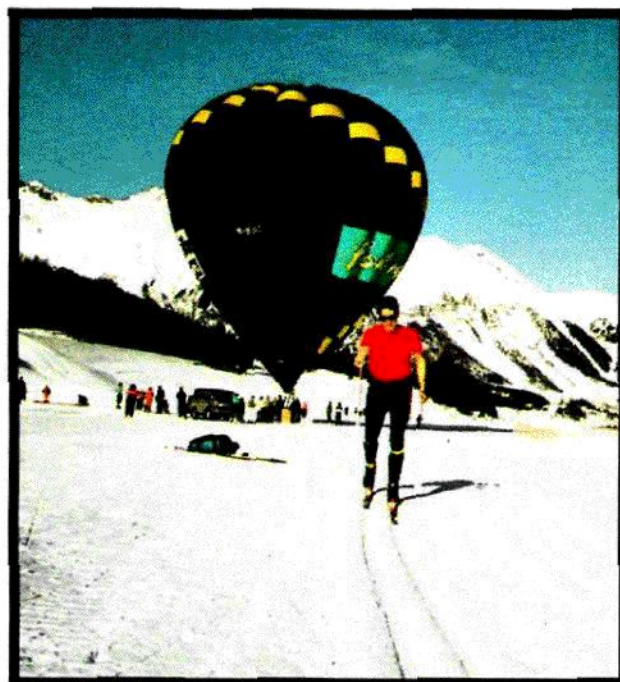
(DGWN) and Lieut. John Lewis (DGWN). John did especially well to achieve rides from the top of the course after dislocating a shoulder in a fall during the first week of training.

The RN achieved five consecutive wins from 1986 to 1990 before being unable to field a team last year due to Operation Granby commitments. Despite losing out to the strong RAF squad this season, the performances of the Navy novices bode well for the future.

The RN team are very grateful to Save and Prosper for their continued generous sponsorship and to Ford Motors, for the loan of a Sierra estate car.

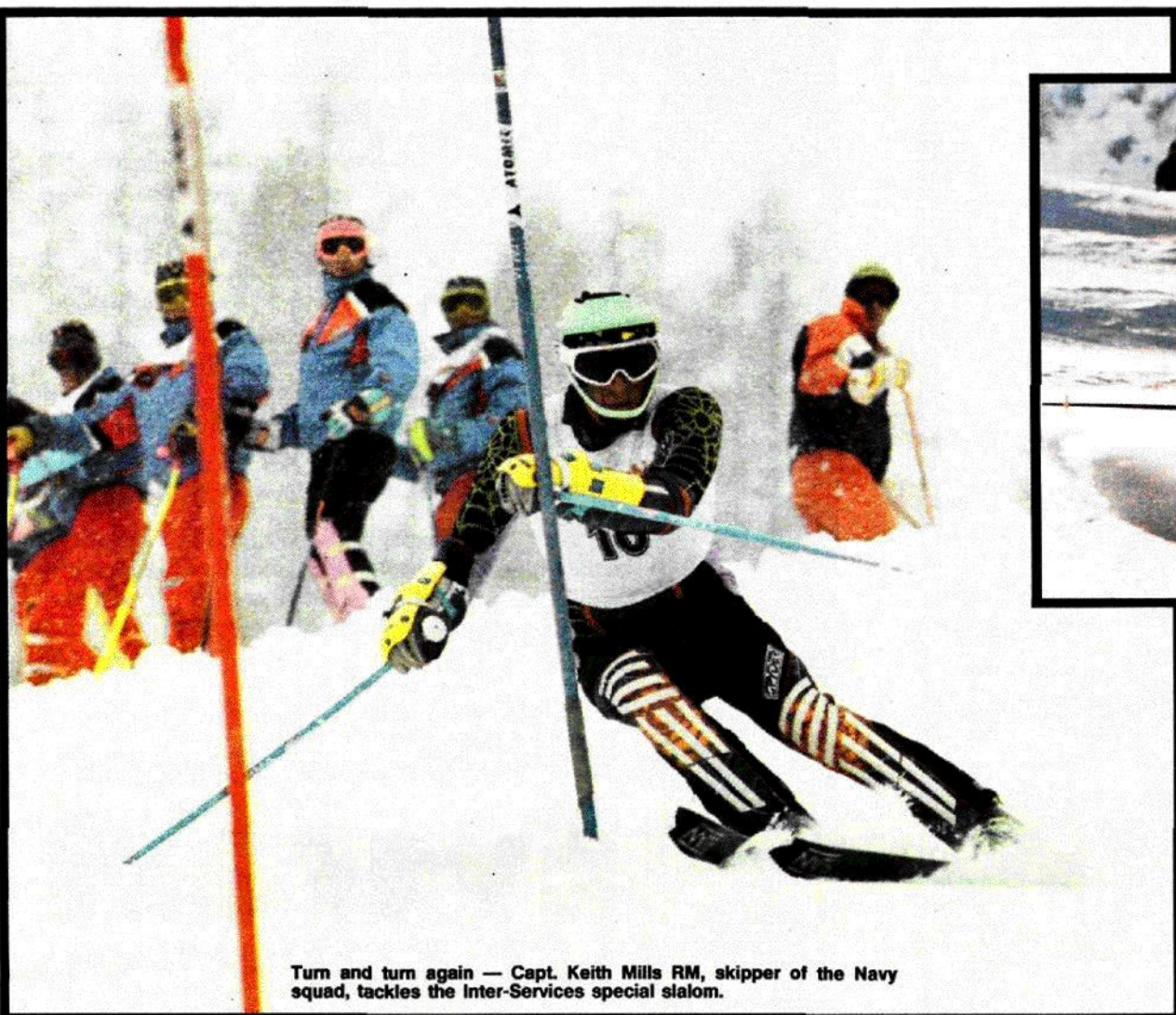
Above right: Cresta team member Lieut. John Lewis experiences the pleasures of langlauffing for the first time. On an afternoon off from the awesome run he took the opportunity to explore the surrounding area, which is criss-crossed with cross-country tracks.

Right: 1992 RN Cresta squad. Back row (l-r) Lieut.-Cdr. André Osborne, Lieut.-Cdr. Andy Jeffrey (captain), Mne Dave Wiltshire and Lieut. Andy Mills. Front (l-r) AB(SR) Pat Riley, Lieut. John Lewis, Lieut. Tim Dathan and Lieut. Phil Ireland.





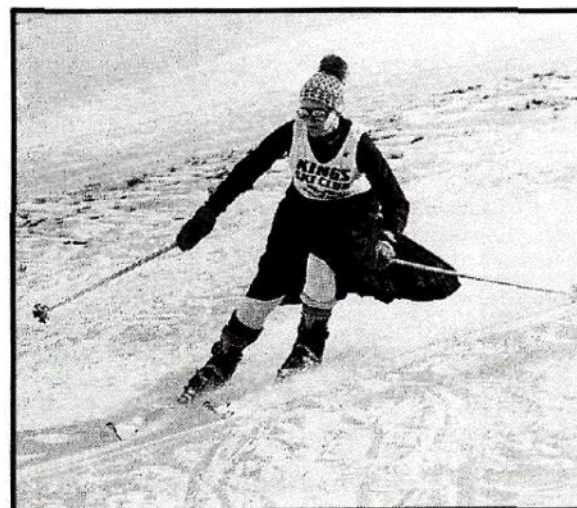
# GO DOWN MOUNTAINS



Turn and turn again — Capt. Keith Mills RM, skipper of the Navy squad, tackles the Inter-Services special slalom.



Lieut. Viv Price (below) skiing to individual victory in the Inter-Service giant slalom.



What's worn under the kilt? Longjohns, that's for sure, when the kilt's worn for skiing. LWren Jane Dalglish in tartan borrowed from a member of Scottish Command. Fellow novice LDiver Richard Welch (Nelson Gunwharf) gets to grips with frozen water. Pictures: LA(Phot) Andrew C. Pratt.



BAREGES in the Pyrenees was the venue for the Royal Navy Winter Sports Association Alpine Skiing Championships, attended by 240 men and women from ships, shore establishments and the MOD. Racing was first class and competition close.

Sponsored by Land Rover UK, Kings Ski Club and the Naafi, the championships were attended by Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, Second Sea Lord and President of the RNWSA, and Lady Livesay.

Among the prizes they presented were pairs of skis donated by Kings. A pair each went to Lieut. Nick Brewster, winner of the men's novice race, and LWren Jane Dalglish (Dolphin), who won the women's novice event.

LWren Claire McMaster (Mercury) won the Thorley Trophy for best lady racer of the first week, and HMS Sultan, led by Capt. Robin Bradley, retained the major establishment B team trophy in the face of increased opposition, with many ships being represented.

The second week's racing saw the Naval Air Command

team, led by Lieut. Nick Brewster, win the Inter Command Trophy by a very narrow margin.



## Ski-ing

gin over the Royal Marines, led by Capt. Keith Mills RM. The Inter-Ships and Establishments Race for major establishments was won by CTCRM Lymington. The minor category title went to RM Poole.

### Favourites

In the individual event Mid Robbie Moir (FONA HQ) repeated his success of last season by winning the combined events. LWren Jo Dobson (Warrior) won the ladies combined trophy after the two favourites, POWren Carol Strong and Lieut. Viv Price, failed to complete both events.

Junior Seaman Mark Lane — still in Part 2 training but already a member of the Navy squad — used his experience of dry slope competition to show well in these, his first championships.

☆ This was the Royal Navy's last season in Bareges. Next year's championships will be held in Orcieres-Merlette, January 11-22 1993. Watch this space for details.

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DELIGHTFUL Altenmarkt Zauchensee hosted the 60th

British Services International Alpine Ski Championships, contested by racers from Aus-

tralia, New Zealand and America as well as many of the European nations.

The British teams were competing for the Army, Navy and Air Force Ski Challenge Cup, second oldest ski challenge trophy in the world.

There was individual victory but team defeat for the RN lady skiers. In the giant slalom for men and women Lieut. Viv Price (Manadon) was fastest of the women, completing her two descents in 2 mins 17.64 secs, nearly two seconds ahead of the runner-up. The team finished third. The RN men fared worse, finishing fourth.

They also came in fourth in the Smirnoff Men's Special Slalom. The Royal Air Force Women continued their winning ways in the Courage Women's Special Slalom, lengthening their lead over the Army and seeing the RN ladies literally falling behind.

### Landslide

Day 6 saw the Portakabin Men's Downhill and the Credit Lyonnais Rouse Super-G for Men and Women. The downhill proved a landslide for the

British Army, who took the first three places the the team award.

Rob Moir finished fifth, just a second and a half slower than the winner, Peter Cooper.

In fact Day 6 was so busy it was a remarkable feat of organisation that all races were completed. The Super G course caused problems for both men and women. Major turns ending in soft snow saw several skiers "losing their rhythm", i.e. falling over.

### Disciplines

The combined results for the three disciplines saw the RN men finish second and the RN Women third. Individually, Moir was second and Mid Jeff Choat was fourth. Again, Viv Price was the best of the Navy ladies, finishing fifth.

The RN Women's Ski Team wishes to thank Land Rover, for all-terrain vehicle loan FRADU and Mennell Motors. Thanks, too, to Blizzard for supplying the team with giant slalom skis.

☆ The RN Women's Ski Team is already recruiting for 1993. Anyone interested in taking up ski racing should contact POWrenPT Carol Strong at BRNC Dartmouth.



Pictured with their trainer, Austrian Arthur Steiner, on the right, are members of the RN Women's Ski Team 1992. From left they are team captain POWrenPT Carol Strong (BRNC), Lieut. Zoe Harris (RNH Haslar), Lieut. Viv Price (RNEC Manadon), Wren Fiona McConnachie, LWren Andrea Hart (Warrior) and Surgeon Lieut. Penny Mancais (Sultan). LWren Jo Anne Dobson (Warrior) and LWren Claire McMaster (Mercury) are not shown.

MORE than 100 Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force personnel serving in NATO posts in Italy were joined by their dependants to take part in the fourth British Forces (Italy) Winter Ski Championships.

Also among the competitors were members of the ship's company of HMS Arrow, which was on a port visit to Naples. The Championships took place 2,030 metres up in the Abruzzi Mountains at Campetello Matese.

The RN team — Lieut.-Cdr. Tony Webber, CPOPT Richard Reed and Cdr. Ian Clapham — narrowly lost to the RAF in the Inter-Services Competition. But many creditable individual performances were achieved by Navy skiers.

Webber recorded the fastest time for a single run in the giant slalom, but was just

beaten on the two-run combined time into second place. Reed was fourth and Clapham 10th.

Lieut. Debbie Barwick won the Service Ladies event, with WRO Tara Carly in second place. Of the HMS Arrow skiers, POWTR Teasdale was the fastest, finishing eighth overall. WEM Tyler was 18th, POSA McInnes 19th, WEM Hawkey 41st and RS Bird 49th.

Sledge races, snowman building and a novices slalom proved very popular with the families. In the first two events, Cy Beckenkraeger and family proved pre-eminent, while Mrs Jane Denham won the slalom, closely pursued by Wren Mia Harrett.

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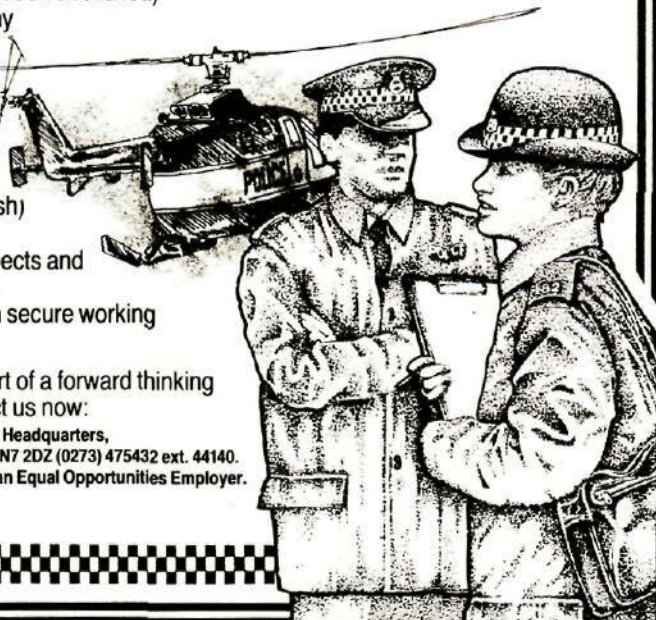
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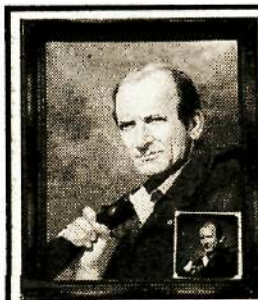
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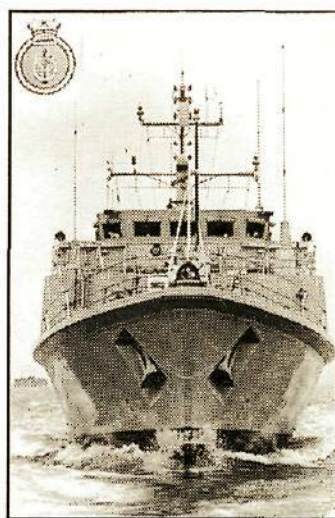
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Intermediates (Int) indicates that personnel can be advanced before they are eligible to receive merit points or before the roster can be adjusted to take account of them. This means that personnel are advanced in "basic date" order. Dates shown against "Int" rosters are the basic dates of the top eligible personnel.

The number following the points (or basic dates) is the number of men who were advanced during March.

**CCMEAML** — Int (28.8.91), Nil; **CCMEAL** — Dry, 1; **CCMEALSM** — Dry, 1; **CCMEALSM** — Int (27.1.92), Nil; **CCWEAADCSM** — Dry, Nil; **CCWEAADCSM** — Int (29.11.91), 3; **CCWEAADCSM** — Dry, Nil; **CCWEAADCSM** — Int (1.9.91), 2; **CCAEAR** — Int (1.9.91), 1; **CCAEAWL** — Int (1.1.90), Nil.

**PO(EW)/RS(W)** — Int (7.6.91), Nil; **LS(EW)/LRO(W)** — Int (12.12.91), 9; **PO(M)** — Int (28.9.90), Nil; **LS(M)** — Int (7.6.91), 4; **PO(R)** — 161, 1; **LS(R)** — Int (27.9.91), 3; **PO(S)** — Dry, 4; **LS(S)** — Int (15.3.91), Nil; **PO(D)** — Int (8.12.89), Nil; **LS(D)** — 311, Nil; **PO(MW)** — Int (6.12.91), Nil; **LS(MW)** — Int (15.3.91), Nil; **PO(SR)** — 164, Nil; **LS(SR)** — Int (8.12.89), Nil; **PO(SEA)** — 129, Nil; **CY** — 225, 1; **LRO(T)** — Int (5.12.89), Nil; **RS** — 185, Nil; **LRO(G)** — Int (12.3.91), Nil; **POPT** — 215, Nil; **RPO** — 147, 1.

**POMEM(L)(GS)** — Int (11.4.91), 2; **LMEM(L)(GS)** — Int (18.12.91), 9; **PO(M)** — Int (6.12.89), 5; **POMEM(O)(GS)** — Int (3.7.90), Nil; **LMEM(O)(GS)** — Int (6.3.91), 7; **POMEM(R)(GS)** — Int (5.3.91), 6; **LMEM(R)(GS)** — Dry, 9; **POCA** — 89, 1; **POCK(GS)** — 336, Nil; **LCK(GS)** — 74, 5; **POSTD(GS)** — 699, Nil; **LSTD(GS)** — Int (20.2.90), 3; **POSA(GS)** — 488, Nil; **LSA(GS)** — Int (18.10.90), 1; **POWTR(GS)** — Int (27.7.90), Nil; **LWTR(GS)** — Int (6.2.92), 3; **POMA** — 94, 1; **LMA** — Dry, 3.

**PO(S)(SM)** — Int (19.8.91), 1; **LS(S)(SM)** — 178, 2; **PO(TS)(SM)** — Int (9.10.90), Nil; **LS(TS)(SM)** — Int (21.5.91), 2; **RS(SM)** — 247, Nil; **LRO(SM)** — Int (13.3.90), Nil; **POMEM(L)(SM)** — 436, Nil; **LMEM(L)(SM)** — 153, Nil; **POMEM(M)(SM)** — 691, Nil;

**LMEM(M)(SM)** — 584, Nil; **POWEM(O)(SM)** — 311, Nil; **LWEM(O)(SM)** — 68, 6; **POWEM(R)(SM)** — Int (5.11.91), Nil; **LWEM(R)(SM)** — 117, Nil; **PO(UW)(SM)** — Dry, Nil; **POSA(SM)** — Int (28.11.90), Nil; **LSA(SM)** — Dry, Nil; **POWTR(SM)** — Int (18.5.90), 1; **LWTR(SM)** — Int, Nil; **POCK(SM)** — Int, Nil; **LCK(SM)** — 627, 1; **POSTD(SM)** — 231, Nil; **LSTD(SM)** — 475, Nil.

**POA(AH)** — 665, Nil; **LA(AH)** — 653, Nil; **POA(METOC)** — Int (13.7.90), Nil; **LA(METOC)** — Int (14.2.92), Nil; **POA(PHOT)** — 286, Nil; **POA(SE)** — 300, 1; **LA(SE)** — 85, 1; **POACMN** — 435, Nil; **POAEM(M)** — 174, 3; **LAEM(M)** — 206, 7; **POAEM(R)** — Int (8.11.90), Nil; **LAEM(R)** — 199, Nil; **POAEM(WL)** — 269, Nil; **LAEM(WL)** — 469, 1; **POAC** — Dry, 1.

**POWREN(R)** — Int (5.3.90), 1; **LWREN(R)** — Int (5.3.90), 3; **POWREN(RS)** — 153, 1; **LWREN(RS)** — 92, 6; **POWRENPT** — Int (13.2.90), Nil; **POWRENPT** — 82, Nil; **POWRENCK** — Int Nil; **LWRENCK** — Int Nil; **POWRENSTD** — 657, Nil; **LWRENSTD** — Int (19.6.90), 1; **POWRENDA** — 193, Nil; **LWRENDA** — Int (18.10.90), Nil; **POWRENWTR** — Int (7.12.89), 1; **LWRENWTR** — Int (17.10.91), 5; **POWRENWTR(G)** — Int (20.2.90), Nil; **LWRENWTR(G)** — Int Nil; **POWRENMETOC** — Int Nil; **LWRENMETOC** — Dry, Nil; **POWRENPHOT** — Int (6.2.90), 1.

**POWRENAEM(M)** — 130, Nil; **LWRENAEM(M)** — 185, Nil; **POWRENAEM(R)** — Int Nil; **LWRENAEM(R)** — 122, Nil; **POWRENAEM(WL)** — 186, Nil; **LWRENAEM(WL)** — 192, Nil; **POWRENETS** — 176, 1; **LWRENETS** — Int (3.7.90), Nil; **LWRENTEL** — 305, Nil; **POWRENWA** — Int (16.1.91), 1; **LWRENWA** — Int (9.10.90), 1; **POWRENDRY** — Int (2.4.90), Nil; **POWRENDS** — Int Nil; **LWRENDS** — Int (21.3.90), 1; **POEN(G)** — 159, 2; **LEN(G)** — Dry, 2; **POEN(G)** — Int (12.11.91), Nil; **POMA(Q)** — Int (12.3.91), Nil; **LMA(Q)** — Int Nil.

The Basic Dates quoted for the WRNS ratings in the following categories, which have no examination for the next higher rate, are applied in accordance with BR1065 Chapter 22.

**POWREN QA** — 120, Nil; **POWREN MT** — 719, Nil; **POWREN TEL** — 1022, Nil.

## Appointments

BRIG. A. M. Keeling is to be promoted major-general from September 3 and to be Chief of Staff to the Commandant General Royal Marines.

Other appointments recently announced include:

**Cdr. M. G. B. Manning**, Sirius in command July 21.  
**Cdr. P. H. Robinson**, Spartan in command July 14.  
**Cdr. D. C. M. Ferguson**, Gloucester in command June 22.  
**Cdr. D. S. Morris**, Renown (Port) in command July 28.  
**Cdr. P. Hobson**, Hecla in command Aug 18.  
**Lieut.-Cdr. N. R. E. Harrop**, Upholder in command Aug 25.

## Merit Medals

MERITORIOUS Service Medal awards to RN and RM personnel for first half of 1992

**WO(SEA)** J. H. Batting, CPO(SEA) G. R. L. Brooks, WO(OPS) J. W. Chetwood, WO(SEA) J. D. Gibson, WO(MAA) G. B. Green, CPO(OPS) R. M. J. Morgan, WO(RS) R. F. Rowney, WO(MEA) A. W. Bogle, CPO(MEA) P. A. Coombes, WO(MEA) R. F. Hartley, CMEM(M) D. R. Paine, WO(WEA) R.

A. Franklin, WO(WEA) D. J. Hawkes, WO(AE) D. E. A. Niven, WO(AE) A. W. Radley, CCAEA D. P. Wright, CPOSA B. J. Austin, WO(SA) P. S. Bowman, WO(WTR) W. J. Mcintosh, WO(WTR) A. J. Wilson, WO(AH) D. J. Earl, WO(METOC) B. T. Wilkinson, WO(MA) T. W. Gaughy, WO(MA) K. N. Herring, WO2 K. H. Harrison, RM, A/CSGT B. E. Jullier, RM, WO1 J. K. Palmer, RM, WO2(CAS) J. W. Flockhart, RM, WO(METOC) C. A. Robertson.

## Swap Drafts

**POCK T. Dunn**, HMS Ark Royal, will swap for any Rosyth-based ship — would consider any other ship.

**LWEM(O) Napper**, 3L Mess, HMS Ariadne BPO 211, drafted to HMS Manchester (2 year refit in Plymouth) June 92, will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship not deploying.

**LRO(G) P. A. Collins**, 3D Mess, HMS Newcastle BPO 343, deploying May 92, will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship not deploying.

**LRO(T) A. R. Burns**, HMS Mercury (ext 320), drafted to HMS Invincible May (deploying in May), will swap for any Southern-based ship.

**LCK A. Tolley**, HMS Newcastle (deploying Far East, May, for 6 months), will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship.

**NA(AH) J. F. Mowatt**, Main Gate, HMS Nelson, drafted to 849 Sqn, May, will consider any other draft.

**CPOMEA(M) K. B. Menage**, HMS Nelson (CSU), drafted to HMS London, June, will swap for seagoing CVs or will consider any Portsmouth-based ship.

**LWRN Parry**, HMS Heron (MACCO ext 6101), drafted to Plymouth Ops Hornbeam, May (POs "any" billet, PV), will swap for Portsmouth-based ship.

**LS(S) S. J. Thomas**, drafted HMS Amazon, Sept., deploying, will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship. Contact HMS Collingwood ext 307/384.

**AB(R) Johnson**, (CAAIS), HMS Amazon, will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship, deploying or shore-base.

**LCK S. Scott**, drafted to HMS Manchester, June, will consider swap for any deploying/sea-going Portsmouth ship. Contact Raleigh ext 41291 (LCKQC 74) until mid-April, thereafter HMS Osprey Wardroom.

**LWTR L. T. Bates**, drafted HMS Warrior, May, will swap for any Plymouth shore draft or RNAS Culdrose — getting married April 92. Contact HMS Drake ext 65242.

**LS(M) D. J. Gilman**, 3Q Mess, HMS Chatham, deploying May-Dec, will swap for any Devonport ship not deploying, or Devonport shore-base.

**LWEM(R) James**, HMS Inskip (ext 44), will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship, deploying or not, or Portsmouth shore-base.

**POAEM(M) Hallace**, drafted for 845 Sqn, Jan 93, will swap for any Lynx front-line. Contact HMS Daedalus ext 4393.

**RO(G) D. Beckenkraeger**, drafted HMS Walney (Sandown class MCMV) July, will swap for any Devonport Type 22. Tel 0752-269116.

**NA(AH)2 Farrand**, HMS Heron, drafted to HMS Fearless, July, will swap for any Yeovilton-based draft.

**LWTR D. Angus**, drafted to HMS Herald, Sept 92, will swap for any Portsmouth-based ship (pref. not tech. office). Contact HMS Collingwood ext 584.

**MEM(M) Heath**, fully AMC (passed Scale A), HMS London BPO 328, deploying Sept 92, will consider swap for any Devonport sea billet, pref. Type 22 or 23.

**AEM(R) Salvesen**, drafted to HMS Illustrious, June, will swap for any Culdrose-based sqn. Tel. Culdrose ext 2514.

**AB(R) Legg**, HMS Polar Circle, BPO 361, (Navigator's yeoman), deploying Nov, will consider any swap draft.

**CK Spellman-Kelly**, HMS Ark Royal, (ext 507), deploying Sept, will swap for any Rosyth or Devonport-based ship, deploying or on.

**AB(M) Heaven**, HMS Cambridge (ext 77509) drafted HMS Hecla, Aug, will swap for any Devonport Type 22.

**AB(S) Roe**, HMS Cardiff, BPO 249, deploying July, will swap for any fishery protection vessel (OPV), 2016 trained.

**RO(G) K. O. Griffiths** drafted to NP1020 NAV TNG, June, will swap for any SouthEast deploying ship. Contact — Commcon, Fort Southwick, ext 306.

## Not the RNA

A MYSTERY blaze destroyed the Leicester Senior Service Club and not the RNA Club as reported in last month's Navy News.

## Promotions to Chief

AUTHORITY for promotion of the following ratings to chief petty officer was issued by HMS Centurion in March:

**OPERATIONS BRANCH (SEAMAN GROUP)**  
To CPO(OPS)M — K. J. Buckley (Cambridge), R. Bainbridge (Ariadne).  
To CPO(SR) — M. J. Smith (RN Hydrot. School).

**(COMMUNICATIONS GROUP) REG and PT**  
To CRS — P. N. Bird (Arrow), S. J. Morrison (COMMWW SSOTS Sea).

**SUPPLY AND SECRETARIAT**  
To CPOCA — G. G. Livings (Lancaster), T. W. Beddoes (Hermione).  
To CPOCK — S. P. Halls (Raleigh).  
To CPOSTD — C. R. Harrison (Raleigh).  
To CPOSA — D. Bell (Collingwood).

**SUBMARINE SERVICE**  
To CWEM(R)(SM) — J. T. Delaney (COM/NBC Clyde).

**FLEET AIR ARM**  
To CPOACMN — A. W. Gill (826 Sqn).  
To CAEM(M) — D. G. James (700 Sqn LOFTU).

**WRNS BRANCHES**  
To CWREN(OPS)(R) — D. R. Massey (Dryad).  
To CWRENPT — C. Shaw (FO Portsmouth).  
To CWREN(OPS)(WA) — J. A. Spinks (Dryad).

**GARNNS BRANCHES**  
To CPOGRN — J. G. Logan (RNH Haslar).

**FAMILY SERVICES**  
To CPOFS/CWRENFS — F. M. Blunt (Drake).

**CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS**  
HMS Centurion has been notified of the following promotions to chief petty officer which were made by commanding officers in February:

## Pen Friends

READERS seeking penfriends in the Royal Navy are listed below. Any sailor who writes to an applicant must use a stamped envelope bearing the applicant's name and town. The letter should be enclosed in a second envelope addressed to "Pen Pals," Navy News, HMS Nelson, Portsmouth. On receipt the replies will be redirected — but only if they have been stamped.

**Vicky (19)**, Liversedge, Yorks. **Patsy (31)**, Ruislip Manor, Mdx. **Jane (20)**, Auckland, New Zealand. **Melanie (21)**, Atherton, Lancs. **Hazel (23)**, Canterbury, Kent. **Abby (33)**, New Cross, London. **Tracy (26)**, Redditch, Worcs. **Patricia (26)**, Plymouth, Devon. **Karen (30)**, Ruislip Manor, Mdx. **Leann (18)**, Plymouth, Devon. **Jacqueline (24)**, London. **Karen (35)**, Liverpool. **Wendy (32)**, Stourbridge, W. Midlands. **Rose (41)**, Portsmouth, Hants. **Cheryl (19)**, Plymouth, Tarah (17), Tiverton, Devon. **Trish (28)**, Leeds, Yorks. **Sarah-Jane (17)**, Cumbernauld, Glasgow. **Diane (31)**, Stourbridge, W. Midlands. **Sarah L. (23)**, Bristol. **Jane (33)**, Grimsby, Humberside. **Alison (20)**, Scarborough, Yorks. **Judy (24)**, Plymouth. **Tammy (17)**, Camberwell, London. **Christine (28)**, Canterbury, Kent. **Karen (27)**, Nottingham. **Lynn (25)**, York. **Susan (24)**, Birmingham. **Tina (29)**, Burton-on-Trent. **Allison (26)**, Thornaby, Cleveland. **Sandy (21)**, Cheltenham, Glos. **Alison (17)**, Totnes, Devon. **Emma (15)**, Hull. **Anne (23)**, Colne, Lancs. **Nikki (27)**, Cumbria. **Miss Dee (38)**, Plymouth. **Ingrid (37)**, Kirkcaldy, Scotland. **Helen (22)**, Rotherham. **Lorraine (17)**, Brighton, Sussex. **Sarah (27)**, Bridgwater, Somerset. **Sue (46)**, Barnsley, Yorks. **Tracy (22)**, Southampton. **Lynda (38)**, Swansea, Glam. **Tracy (22)**, Liskeard, Cornwall. **Lynne (39)**, New Malden, Surrey. **Mandy (23)**, Purfleet, Essex. **Angela (28)**, Bristol. **Helen (18)**, Liverpool. **Janet (47)**, Weston-super-Mare. **Kirstine (22)**, Maidstone, Kent. **Angie (31)**, Chorley, Lancs.

**CPOCT** — S. M. Howells (MOD CNSO SCU), R. A. Illingworth (Brave).  
**ACPOCT(A)** — K. A. Pritchard (Boxer).  
**ACPOCT(L)** — J. P. Schofield (RNU RAF Edzell), S. M. Taylor (Coventry), G. L. Williams (SCU Leydene).  
**CPOMEA** — S. J. Baxter (Turbulent), P. Bennett-Smith (Avenge), G. J. Burt (Cardiff), L. M. Davy (Flt Eng Portsmouth), K. N. Jones (Sultan), T. R. Littler (Courageous), T. Russell (Trenchant), W. Swanton (FOSM Gosport), A. Wright (Neptune NT).

**ACPOMEA** — R. A. Beale (Defiance SMMU), S. P. Carver (Dolphin), K. Christie (Nottingham), T. M. Denny (Illustrious), R. Golsen (Royal Arthur), S. Hall (Courageous), R. Metelko (Alacrity), R. P. Walsh (Vanguard Port), R. G. Watson (Cornwall).  
**ACPOMEA(L)** — P. J. Marshall (Oracle).  
**CPOMEA(WL)** — D. N. Williamson (RNAS Culdrose).

**CPOMEA(M)** — M. M. King (RNAS Portland), J. S. Loxley (899 Sqn, Heron), J. D. Miller (RNAS Portland).  
**ACPOMEA(M)** — A. J. Ellis (DGA(N)ASE MASU).  
**CPOMEA(R)** — A. P. Clarke (810 Sqn, Sea).

**CPOWEA** — A. Cole (Trafalgar), S. J. Cooksey (Repulse Port), K. E. Cox (CWTA Portsmouth), D. M. Curren (Juno), R. Griffiths (Boxer), M. H. Harper (Campbelltown), M. James (Dolphin SMMU), D. M. Pheasant (Amazon), P. S. Read (Collingwood), I. Teixeira (Collingwood), E. J. Yorke (Collingwood).  
**ACPOWEA** — J. G. Stanley (Chatham), S. A. Toone (Illustrious), S. P. White (Boxer).  
**MT1** — K. Macey (RNH Gibraltar).

**ACTING CHARGE CHIEF ARTIFICER**  
Authority was issued by HMS Centurion in March for the following ratings to be promoted to acting charge chief artificer.  
To ACCMEA — P. Brotherhood (Sirius).  
To ACWCEA — M. E. McBride (Collingwood), D. J. Appleby (Illustrious), C. R. Abbott (Shetfield).  
To ACCAEA — T. G. Owen (845 Sqn), J. M. Connachie (819 Sqn), K. R. Johnson (Prestwick).

## Deaths

**J. Partington**, WOSTD, HMS Warrior, March 11.  
**D. R. Morton**, MNE, 45 Cdo, RM, Feb. 18.

**W. K. Weston**, CB, OBE, Rear-Admiral (ret), Chief Engineering Officer on staff of CINC Plymouth 1954-58. Served in Mediterranean and Pacific, ships including HMS Tyne. Aged 87.

**D. Vincent Jones**, DSC and Bar, Capt (ret), Wartime Fleet Air Arm observer. Ships included HMS Renown, Norfolk, Ark Royal, Illustrious, and Archer. Later commanded RN air station Culdrose. Aged 79.

**H. Brown**, Ex-CPO(ME), Served 32 years, including HM ships Diana, Owen, and Kappel. Aged 56.

**W. J. Barnard**, Ex-CPO Gunner's Mate, Aged 80.

**F. Kirby**, Ex-STO, Service included HMS Sikh, and member Sikh Veterans' Assn. Ex-POW. Aged 75.

**W. G. R. Bernard**, Ex-WO(RS), Served 1950-75, including HMS Ladybird, Ocean, Maidstone, Victorious, Hermes and Mauritius. Member RNCCA, RNARS, and Ladybird Association. Aged 57.

**J. Homersham**, Lieut.-Cdr. (ret), Served 1946-74, including HMS Jamaica, Albion and Ark Royal. Aged 63.

**R. McEwen**, Ex-CERA, Served 1949-72 and 1978-89.

**D. G. O'Sullivan**, Ex-CPOCOXN(SM), Served 22 years, including SETT Dolphin and Australia. Aged 44.

**C. Dubois**, Ex-WOWTR, Served 1958-87, including HMS Bermuda, Verulam, Blake, Devonshire and Antrim. Aged 50.

**R. Smith-McLean**, Member of Majestic/Caledonia Boys (1937-39).

**W. Thomas**, Ex-HMS Prince of Wales gunners' party; also served in HMS Belfast. Member Prince of Wales and Repulse Survivors' Assn. Aged 74.

**D. W. Haw**, Ex-PO Chef, Served 1961-83, including HMS Devonshire, Gavington and Berwick. Aged 49.

**N. R. Wade**, AM, MBE, Halton naval air apprentice 1940 and served as aircraft artificer until 1955. Later served with RAAF in Vietnam, retiring in 1981 Group Captain. Member Halton Apprentices Naval Wing Assn.

**R. Howes**, Ex-CY, Aged 42.

The deaths are reported of the following members of the Algerines Association: **P. G. Browne** (HMS Mandate), **S. Dunn** (Pickle), **T. Spears** (Albacore), **G. Rouse** (Nerissa), **G. Hughes** (Acute) and **W. Ball** (Welfare).

## ROYAL NAVAL ASSOCIATION

The deaths are reported of the following shipmates:

**A. Richardson**, Birmingham Central, Ex-CERA, Served 25 years, Aged 69.

**L. Belcher**, Former chairman Oxford. Ex-STOMECH. Ships included HMS Cockade. Aged 64.

**G. Davies**, Swindon. Served in Combined Ops. Aged 66.

**S. Hedges**, Swindon. Served 1939-53, ships including HMS Liverpool and Dunluce Castle. Aged 71.

**P. S. Foreman**, vice-chairman Aldershot. Served 1948-55, including HMS Theseus, Mermaid and Diligence. Aged 67.

**C. Reed**, chairman Thurmlait (Oman). Ex-CAEM(L). Served 22 years, including HMS Invincible, Falklands. Aged 44.

**F. Desmond**, Purley, Ex-CPO. Served 25 years, including Submarine Service, then 30 years in Merchant Navy. Resident Royal Alfred Home for Seafarers. Aged 83.

**Thelma Prewett**, Bristol. Also chair of Bristol WRNS Assn.

**W. Dockerty**, founder member Wythenshawe. Aged 68.

**D. Brown**, aged 64, and **J. Higgins**, ex-Combined Ops (68), both of Wythenshawe.

**F. Comley**, Brentwood.

**R. G. Ives**, Paddock Wood publicity officer. Ex-RM. Ships included HMS Phoebe. Aged 64.

**Betty Latter**, Paddock Wood. Ex-WRNS.

**R. Haslam**, social secretary Bolton. Ex-Police Inspector. Aged 65.

**H. A. Marshall**, Melton Mowbray. Jutland veteran. Served 35 years, including HMS Lord Nelson. Former president Melton Mowbray British Legion. Aged 96.

**A. Rossler**, Northampton. Ex-AA2. Ships included HMS Retalick and Battaxe.

**A. Vaughan**, oldest member Guildford. Former chairman, secretary and treasurer. Represented No. 3 Area at its inception 1949. Ex-EA. Resident Royal Star and Garter Home. Aged 85.

**L. R. Emslie**, Lymington and District. Aged 80.

**G. R. M. Hobby**, standard bearer Lymington and District. Aged 54.

**H. J. Sparks**, Aldershot. Ex-CPO Tel. Served 1951-73, including Korea. Former member Darlington. Aged 58.

**L. Button**, Hunstanton. Aged 74.

**W. Aldridge**, Peterborough.

**G. Peck**, Mansfield and District. Ex-Sub-Lieut(E), 1940-46. Aged 77.

**H. Robertshaw**, Dewsbury, Batley and Birstall. Ships included HMS Berry Head. Aged 67.

**I. McMeekin**, Dewsbury, Batley and Birstall. Ex-PTI. Aged 65.

**J. Gunn**, life member Wigston. Aged 84.

**G. Shaw**, aged 69 and **E. Dennett** (66), both of Tadmorden.





# Keeping afloat on the Cornish coast

## News in brief

"OLD Sailors Never Die, They Join the RNA" — a recruiting slogan with a robust ring to it, which may yet catch on nationally. Inspired by members of Bude (Cornwall) branch, it proved a winner when used as the theme of a float entered in three local carnivals.

Prepared by Shipmates Godfrey Harrison and Brian Braund, the float, which proved very popular, was dressed overall with ensigns, standards and international signal flags and was towed by a vintage tractor.

The colourful entry, with naval regalia and nautical artifacts in prominent view, displayed a model of a smart, young rating in uniform, opposite which was his older brother, a shipmate, in the uniform of the RNA. Congratulations to Bude for an ideal recruiting vehicle.

A "brilliant" outing, in more ways than one, was the verdict of 45 shipmates of Monmouth and Hereford branches, after a visit to Pompey. The invitation was by courtesy of the commanding officer of HMS Brilliant, Capt. Toby Elliott, who is president of Monmouth branch.

After a welcome on board the visitors enjoyed an extensive tour of the ship with the more agile even taking on the engine rooms. The tour was followed by a buffet tea during which plaques and pennants were exchanged. Before leaving promises were made to re-visit the Brilliant when she drops anchor in a south Wales port.

A successful year was reported on at Edenbridge annual general meeting with a total of £500 distributed to local and national charities. Members were pleased to hear their donation to the RN and RM Children's Home, at Waterlooville, paid for a replacement cover for the home's swimming pool, which is used for therapeutic exercises.

Members of Peterborough branch scored a big hit when

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they put on a spread for members of the HM Constance Association, in the local Customs House. The party was so enjoyable, they have been booked for a repeat performance. Those who slaved in the galley praise the efforts of Shipmate George Hockney, who, they say, was more efficient than any dish-washing machine!

At Cwmbran annual general meeting the following shipmates were elected officers: John Davies, chairman and PRO, Ray Bower, treasurer, Eric Lamb, secretary. The branch would like to thank all those who sent kind wishes on the death of shipmate Jack Strath. Over 300 people attended his funeral and 19 standards from all over the country were paraded.

The patron of Saltash branch, Surg. Vice-Admiral Sir Godfrey Milton-Thompson, presided at the branch annual general meeting, attended by 60 members, the branch chaplain Canon Maynard and chairman of Plymouth branch, Shipmate Bob Wall. Shipmate George Wadhams was re-elected as vice-chairman and Shipmate Mike Thomsett as secretary. Sir Godfrey presented a standard bearer's certificate to Shipmate Hilary Griffiths and expressed his pleasure at being patron of the branch.

A warm tribute was paid at Torbay annual general meeting to Shipmate George Alder, the outgoing president who retired



Members of Monmouth and Hereford branches with commanding officer of HMS Brilliant Capt. Toby Elliott during a visit to Portsmouth.

after 16 years loyal service. Shipmate Arthur Braun, retiring after eight years as branch treasurer, was replaced by Shipmate Hemmings. It was agreed that the duties of welfare officer should be transferred at a future date from Shipmate Fewings to Shipmate Riach. Meantime, the branch awaits a nomination for the office of chairman which is being temporarily filled by vice-chairman Shipmate E. Kyte, on the understanding that she can hand over the office when a shipmate willing to take office is found.

At the annual general meeting of Halifax the following officials were elected: Irene O'Connor, president; H. O'Connor, chairman; H. Davies, vice-chairman; C. Peck, secretary; G. Cameron, treasurer; Tony Masses, social secretary; Ron Smith, standard bearer.

Widnes branch appear to be

first off the mark in raising funds to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the King George's Fund for Sailors. At a special social evening to honour the 50th anniversary of the winning of the Victoria Cross by "local hero" Lieut. Thomas Wilkinson a cheque for £150 was presented to Sybil Draper, representative of the KFGS in Widnes.

Shipmates from Peterborough and District were "in the swim" when they took part in a charity event at Peterborough Regional Pool. The swimathon was organised by the local Lions Club and Shipmates Jo and Russ Veale, Rod Jenkins, George Hockney, Fred Waites and George Strickland's daughter swam 88 lengths between them. Over £3,000 is expected to be raised from the eight-hour event.

Peterborough and District's Outside Events Team have also

been fund-raising by holding a second time around sale, the money from which was donated to the Sue Ryder Homes. At their annual general meeting Shipmates Les Harbour and Nev Smith were presented with life memberships. Shipmates Bob and Lesley Milland were also presented with the gift of a silver tray — they are off to the Military Mission and British Embassy in Moscow for four years. A welcome face at the branch's 13th annual dinner and dance was Shipmate Jean Lewis who, with her daughter and granddaughter, are visiting the area from the Falkland Islands.

ROMANCE was in the air as several branches celebrated St. Valentine's Day in style. Crew members of HMS Swiftsure, who are affiliated to Southport branch, joined shipmates from St. Helens, Preston, Skelmersdale and Crosby in the traditional "Tot" which warmed many a heart.

Proposed motions to be debated at the annual conference in Dundee on June 20 should be announced next month.

The association will parade its standards at the Royal Tournament on the evening of Saturday, July 25.

Sherborne RNA hospital reunion buffet lunch, to mark the 50th anniversary of its opening, will be held on April 25 at The Crown Inn, Greenhill, Sherborne. Further details are available from Mrs D. G. Scholefield on 0525 210 867.

The Double Seven Committee enjoyed a successful weekend at Warners, Hayling Island. Their special guests were shipmates from Pembroke House who received a cheque for £600 for their amenities fund, money which was raised over the weekend. Representations from Areas 1, 2, 5 and 6 also received a £200 cheque each from the Double Seven Committee.

Area Eight are issuing a limited edition of first day covers of the Malta envelope in aid of the 1994 conference fund. The issue will be limited to 100, price £4. Applications should be made to H. A. James, 23 Little Oaks Road, Aston, Birmingham B6 6JY. Cheques should be made payable to R.N.A. Area 8.

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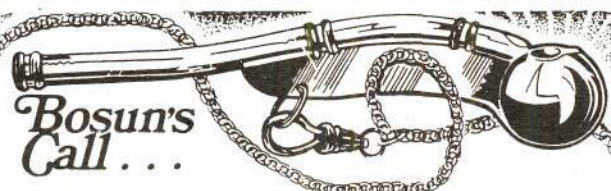


IT WAS Dhahran branch to the rescue when HMS Sheffield, on a visit to Saudi Arabia, had to cancel a soccer match because of torrential rain.

Complimentary tickets for the pantomime The Emperor's New Clothes were arranged by the branch for members of the ship's company who all enjoyed "pre-panto" refreshments in the RNA club before the show.

The pantomime, staged by the British Aerospace Backstage Club, starred three members of Dhahran branch, Shipmates Pat Everett, Dougie Pointon (pictured) and Ken Parrock.

The show was such a success that a video of the occasion has been sent to HMS Sheffield.



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# Brave's new world

DURING her first two months of deployment with NATO's Standing Naval Force Atlantic, HMS Brave has spent most of her time operating off the eastern seaboard of the United States and Canada, experiencing extremes of climate from the warm sun of the Caribbean to the icy winds up above the Arctic Circle.

Sailing across the Atlantic together, the European ships of the Force met up with their United States and Canadian partners, with a quick visit to Puerto Rico, and then to Tortola, one of the British Virgin Islands.

## Boston

After playing a full part in the U.S. Navy Exercise Fleetex, the Force moved north, with Brave visiting the New England port of Boston, berthing close by the USS Constitution, veteran of the American War of Independence, and the oldest commissioned warship in the world.

Three foot of snow and the worst winter in living memory greeted Brave when she put in to Halifax Dockyard, Nova Scotia, but if the weather was cold, the welcome was nevertheless a warm one.

## Affiliation

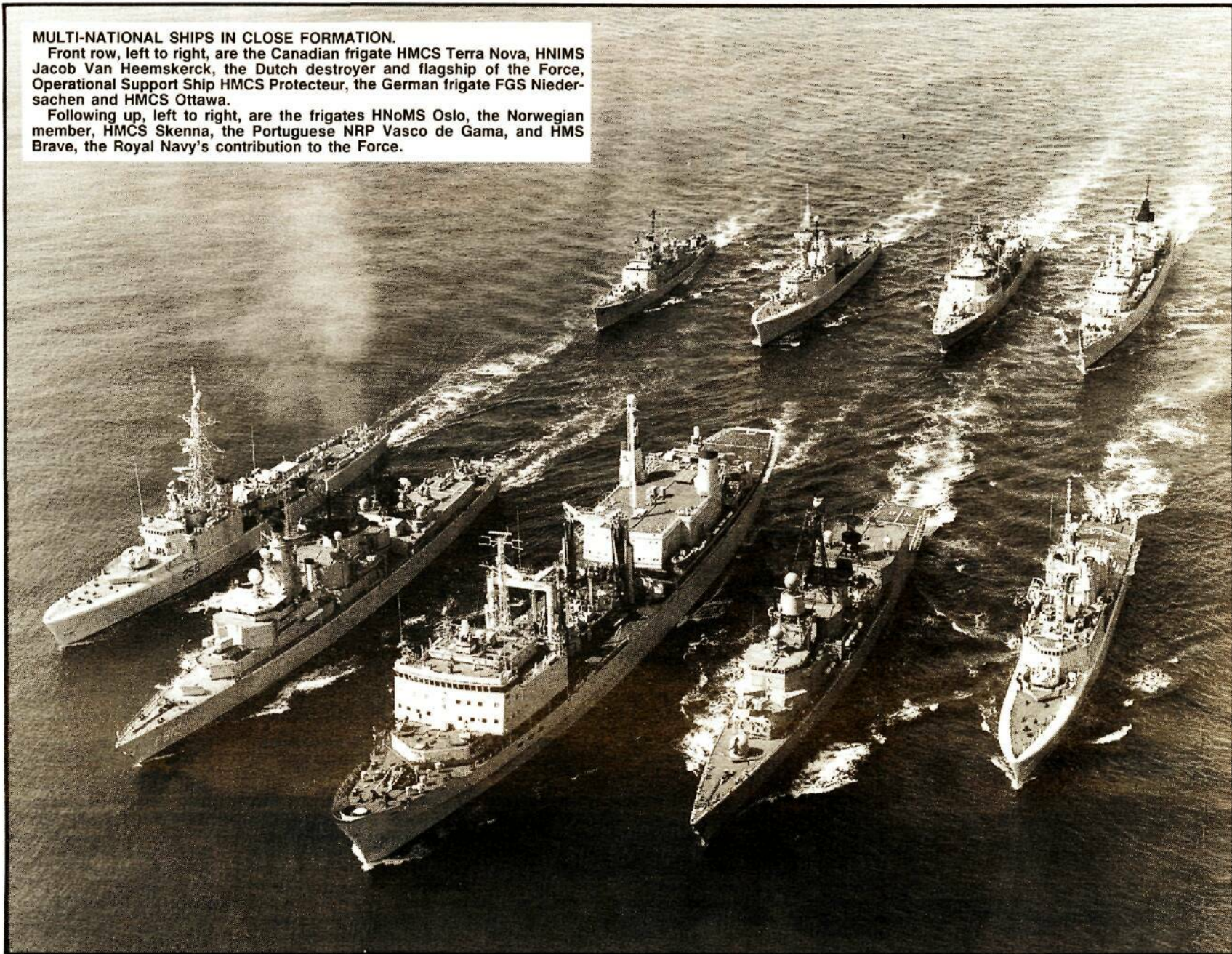
Whilst there, guests of honour on board were the Chief and four Council Members of the Six Nations Tribe of North America, who had travelled 1,000 miles from their Reserve to reaffirm their affiliation with HMS Brave. They related how, during the Gulf War, they had offered prayers for the ship's safe return, and they were gratified to hear that it was their previous gifts to the ship of a warrior's headdress and eagle's feather that had seen them safely through the dangerous mined waters.

The NATO Force has now moved over to this side of the Atlantic, to take part in Teamwork 92 in the North Atlantic, Arctic Circle and Norwegian coastal areas, before visits to Tromsø and Bergen in Norway.

### MULTI-NATIONAL SHIPS IN CLOSE FORMATION.

Front row, left to right, are the Canadian frigate HMCS Terra Nova, HNIMS Jacob Van Heemskerck, the Dutch destroyer and flagship of the Force, Operational Support Ship HMCS Protecteur, the German frigate FGS Niedersachsen and HMCS Ottawa.

Following up, left to right, are the frigates HNoMS Oslo, the Norwegian member, HMCS Skenna, the Portuguese NRP Vasco de Gama, and HMS Brave, the Royal Navy's contribution to the Force.



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Above, Datchet's crew, Front, WO(O)TSSM "Pitt K" Pitkeathly and POMEM Don McLeod.

Back, left-right, LAB(MW) Pete McGuinness, MEM(M) Nobby Clarke, LMEM(L) Charlie Faulkner and AB(MW) John Angell.

Right, the RNAS vessel Datchet, built in the Far East, but now at home in the West Country.

OFTEN to be seen around the coasts of the West Country, distinguishable by her black hull and the Blue Ensign with anchor horizontal that she flies, is a unique small ship, the Datchet.

Her six-man crew comprises a Warrant Officer who is Officer in Charge, a POMEM(M) who is the MEO, and LMEM(L), an MEM(M) and two AB(MW)s, but although all are Royal Navy personnel she is actually an RNAS vessel — a fleet diving tender and the only one of her class.

Based at Devonport her role is to support diving teams and her operating area extends from Poole, around Land's End to Carlisle and includes the Channel Islands. She is equipped with a compressor, full charging facilities

and storage for HPA bottles, a ten-man de-compression chamber and a diving hold.

Built in Singapore in 1968, Datchet was shipped to UK in 1971 when the Sembawang Naval Base closed. 75ft long, with a 19ft beam, she has a draught of just six feet, making her extremely lively in any sort of sea — many a so-called hardened sailor has succumbed to sea-sickness while aboard.

With twin screws, she is a very manoeuvrable craft, and her Gardner diesel engines give her a speed of around ten knots in normal conditions — on occasions, however, going around Land's End or through the Portland Races against the tide she just manages to make headway at about three!







# First blood to Navy but Army laugh last

A RECORD crowd at Twickenham saw the Royal Navy's hopes in this year's Inter-Service Rugby competition dashed by the elusive running of the Army's wing three quarters, writes **Capt. Bob Fletcher RM.**

The lead changed three times in an entertaining game of running rugby in which strong forward play and territorial advantage by a Navy side who started as favourites failed to produce the required points.

First blood went to the Navy in the ninth minute with a well-taken penalty by full back PO-MEA Kevin Bethwaite (Nep-tune) following an Army infringement.

In the 27th minute Steve Bartliff scored a try out wide on the right and put the Army in the driving seat. Then, after sustained pressure, the Navy No 8, LCpl. Bob Armstrong (Cdo. Log. Regt.) broke from the back of a ruck and powered through to deliver a scoring pass to AB(S) David Sibson (Cumberland), the right wing, who ran in from 15 metres with a well deserved try, which was converted by Bethwaite.

In the second half the Army once again gained the upper hand in the 49th minute with a devastating run by their left wing, John Fenn, which resulted in a try converted by full back Roger Walker. The score remained at 10-9 to the Army until the 70th minute of play.

Then Fenn once again struck from deep within his own half. He sprinted down the left, evading two tackles, before cutting back inside to deliver a pass to his much surprised hooker, Wood who dummied past Bethwaite to score under the posts.

Walker's conversion made the score 16-9. Despite consistent Navy pressure during the last 12 minutes the Army defended well and thus ensured a deserved victory.

The Navy side comprised Bethwaite, Sibson, Lieut. Chris Alcock (Ark Royal) (captain), Mne. Glenn O'Loughlin (RM Poole), LS(M) Les Oman (Illustrious), Sub-Lieut. Richard Perkins (BRNC), LCpl. Paul Livingstone (RM Plymouth) — replaced by LPT Ivan Torpey (Nelson), Capt. Bill Dunham RM (CTCRM), POPT Mike Clay (Cornwall), POMEA Ewan Cowie (Seahawk), AEM Mike Leatherland (Osprey), Cpl. Steve Trench (CTCRM), LPT Ian Russell (FOSNI), POPT Steve Jones (BRNC) and Armstrong.

On the morning of the senior match, a spirited RN Colts U19 XV tried gallantly to retain the AFFAS Trophy, but despite great performances by the whole team they were out-gunned by a better drilled Army side, 19-7.

All the Army's points bar one penalty were scored in the first half. The Navy Colts came back in the second and a period of sustained Navy pressure was finally rewarded with a winger's try after a passing movement involving all the three quarters.

An assortment of rugby journalists, sponsors and alakadoos

descended on HMS Amazon to spend the day at sea as prelude to an official reception in the wardroom at HMS Drake and the Royal Navy side's final match before their encounter with the Army.

All three events proved a resounding success, not least the match, in which the team achieved a commendable win (21-8) against a strong Public School Wanderers Side, which included six internationals.

Among the party to board HMS Amazon were representatives from the main sponsors of

Navy rugby, three international rugby players, including Bill Calcraft (Australia) and officials of the game, including RFU president Peter Yarranton.

The gratitude of the RN Rugby Union goes to Cdr Paddy Weston, CO of HMS Amazon, and the ship's company.

Above: LS(M) Les Oman of HMS Illustrious about to be tackled by the Army's Tim Rodder, the England No 8, during the Army/Navy game at Twickenham. LCpl. Paul Livingstone of RM Plymouth looks on. The empty stand is deceptive; in fact there was a record crowd for the game cheering from across the ground. Below: The Royal Navy squad lined up for the National Anthem before the match.

Pictures: Ken Johnson



## CHARLIE

VICE Admiral Sir Ronald Brockman has written to Navy News about his old friend Charlie Webb, who was mentioned in the February issue. We reported that the late Royal Marine's family had presented the Corps with his portrait.

Vice Admiral Brockman writes, "In all the years I knew him I never heard him referred to as Tankie. He was always Charlie to everyone."

Charlie was the Admiral's attendant in HM ships Hood, Erebus and Caledon and they played rugby together for Devonport Services (1928-1938).

Charlie played for England in 1931, 32, 33, 34 and 35, but never captained the side — nor indeed did he captain the Navy XV or Devonport Services.

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## Cheerio!

AFTER five months of hard work and planning and with the help of Nat West Gibraltar, the Combined Services Cricket team are on their way to Hong Kong.

Mr Ian Glover, manager of the Gibraltar branch, joined the squad on their final day of work up prior to departure.

The captain of the tourists, Sqn. Ldr. Brian Phillips, will be presenting the Hong Kong Cricketers with a model barbary ape holding a miniature cricket bat, suitably inscribed to celebrate the Chinese Year of the Monkey.

Lieut.-Cdr. Owen Morgan and other Royal Navy players — recognise anyone? — are among the line-up.

Picture: Cpl. Steve Ankers

## Crowds feel the pull of clay pigeon shooting

FOR the first time the Royal Navy has sponsored and organised an Inter-Service Clay Pigeon Shoot at the National Rifle Association range at Bisley.

In existence for a little under two years, the Senior Service's Clay Pigeon Shooting Association now boasts a six club membership and enjoys increasing support from individuals serving in ships and establishments where facilities preclude the formation of a club.

Eight uniformed services — military and civilian — fielded 16 teams for the Bisley event, which took the form of a 70 bird shoot. Attractive trophies were donated by Express and Napier and other support came from Winchester and the Famous Grouse.

Navy shots acquitted themselves admirably; the Navy A team finishing sixth. CPO Pete Cobham (Ark Royal) collected the Individual Service High Gun Prize.

On July 24 the RNCPSA will compete at the Knutsford Game Fair. HMS Nelson Clay Club will be hosting an elimination shoot at Tipner Range on May 8 (Friday).

Contact nearest club or RNCPSA Sec. Lieut.-Cdr. Richard Okill at HMS Royal Arthur for details. Clubs shoot at Culdrose, Portland, Yeovilton, Defiance, Tipner, Daedalus and Raleigh.

## Mark made

MIDDLEWEIGHT Mne Mark Edwards (HMS Nelson) reached the semi-finals of the Olympic qualifying tournament in Copenhagen last month, and so has booked his passage to Barcelona.

His preparation for the Games now consists of training camps at Crystal Palace and with Royal Navy boxing coach, CPOPT Tony Bevel.

Recruit Kevin McCormack (CTCRM Lympstone) was unlucky to be stopped against his Italian opponent at super heavyweight level in the same competition and is now ruled out with a medical suspension.

Meanwhile, Scottish national coach WOPT Mick Shone (HMS Drake) took the Scottish national entrants to the French Olympic qualifying tournament in Berch-sur-Mer and was rewarded by seeing two of his team of three succeed. Great performances over strong England representatives ensured Scottish champions Stephen Wilson and Brian Carr of Olympic places.

Finally, Navy boxing secretary Lieut. Gary Bushell (Nelson) went as team manager of England to the Olympic qualifier in Halle, Germany.

# Neat work by Haigh scotches Army hopes

THE NAVY took the first step in retaining the Inter-Service Cup when they travelled to Aldershot and defeated the Army by 2 goals to 0 in a hard, well-fought match, writes Lieut.-Cdr. Jim Danks.

The Navy began in confident mood with an experienced side; AB Paul Gibbons (Lancaster) was the only new cap. Thwaites and Wilson were prominent in the early attacks and after good work by the latter LPT/Nick Haigh (Raleigh) shot over when he looked well placed to score in the 14th minute.

After fine work by O'Donnell down the left wing, Wilson was again close to giving the Navy the lead but saw his shot go just past Wiscombe's near post.

A near miss by Army skipper Kevin Parkin stung the Navy and their reply was swift. Following good work by Wilson it

was Nick Haigh who shot home from close range to give Wiscombe no chance and put the Navy 1-0 up.

Smith, proving a threat to the Navy defence with several attacking runs, saw the woodwork come to their aid when his curling shot rebounded and was desperately cleared by PO Steve Johnson.

Gibbons was having a fine debut match and POPT Eric Barrett was marking Gilham well, leaving the Army attacker no space.

In determined mood after the interval, the Army put the Navy defence under pressure for long periods, but the Senior Service withstood it.

Eventually, positive running by Haigh caused panic in the Army defence and forced Parkin to put the ball past his keeper and increase the Navy lead to 2-0 with 20 minutes remaining.

Each player was playing his part in the Navy team and despite making two substitutions the Army could not break down the Navy defence, in which Adams was in tremendous form in goal, catching everything that came his way — as one would expect of a Navy wicket keeper.

As the final whistle was blown the relief was clear to see. It had been a tough match but played in fine spirit. Major-Gen. B. T. Pennicott presented the Mercury Cup to Navy skipper Steve Johnson.

By the time you read this the title will have been decided, after the Navy's match against the RAF. In an earlier game the RAF defeated the Army 2-1 to relegate them to third place for the second year running. This was the first RN win against the Army since 1987.

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Just space for a quick run round the Navy's other recent matches. At Lancing the Navy beat Sussex County FA 1-0 in the South West Counties Competition. Will Flint was the scorer. The Navy took no prisoners in their game against the Prison Service at Newbold Revel, winning 4-0. Goals came from LPT Steve Riley (Daedalus), POPT Glen Young (Centurion), LPT Nick Haigh (Raleigh) and Nigel Thwaites.

Burnaby Road saw the Royal Navy draw 2-2 with Bognor Regis Town FC. Again the Navy played some good football, but the match also saw them pay the penalty for some sloppy defensive work.

At Poole the Navy went down 3-2 to Dorset, their first defeat by them in three years. This match concluded a mixed season in the SWCC as the Navy finished fourth in their group.

## NECK AND NECK BUT NELSON NAB IT!

HMS HERON took on HMS Nelson, attempting the elusive treble, in the final of the Portsmouth Area Rugby Knockout Cup, played at Burnaby Road.

The game was always going to be tight, with little ground being given by either team. Nelson made the initial breakthrough with a well taken try arising from a quickly taken free kick.

But Heron had travelled a long way for the game and weren't about to give up easily. Through constant hard work they eventually reduced the deficit to one point, with a well taken penalty.

From the restart Heron took advantage of a following wind and began to take control of the game. Midway through the second half they were rewarded with a penalty, converted to give a 6-4 lead.

Nelson, who had already won the Navy Cup and remained unbeaten in the Portsmouth Area Div 1 League, refused to give up. Their pack, always the stronger of the two, took control and yet again turned the game in Nelson's favour.

Although Heron defended bravely, the constant pressure within feet of their line was to prove too much. As the game entered the final 10 minutes Nelson produced the winning try. Final score: HMS Nelson 8 HMS Heron 6.

## Masters required

MAKING a welcome return to Royal Navy swimming 17 years after leaving the Service, ex-OSEA Geoff Bishop gained a very creditable silver medal in the 50 metres breaststroke at the Southern Counties Masters Swimming Competition at Crystal Palace.

Also in for a medal was Lieut.-Cdr. Peter Stephens, who won a bronze in the 100m butterfly.

There are high hopes that 1992 will see the first tri-service masters swimming competition in October. This will be open to all masters swimmers, both RN and ex-RN. With the Navy's experience in masters swimming there is no reason why it should not start off in a winning vein. Ex-RN swimmers in particular should contact Lieut.-Cdr. Ron Kimber RN (ret'd.) on Fareham 281287.

## Down to the last detail

IT WAS a close thing... but for the second year running the Royal Navy women have won the Inter-Services .22 Small-bore Rifle Shooting Trophy.

The competition took place at the Guildford WRAC Centre's indoor range. There were 20 shots each for the 10 members of each team, although the RAF incurred an immediate 200 point penalty through being one woman down.

At the halfway stage, the RN Women were trailing the Army by 12 shots, but throughout the afternoon, with the assistance of team coaches Lieut.-Cdr. Gordon Perry (Mercury) and Lieut. Ted Metcalfe (Warrior), they steadily eroded that lead.

The final result rested on the last detail, with the Army's lead down to a single point. Final shootist for the Navy, Lieut. Kate Pirie (FSL), saved the day by dropping only eight points compared to the Army's 11. This secured the RN(W)'s victory by two points.



cured the RN(W)'s victory by two points.

Top individual shot for the RN Women was CWren Sue Craddock (Seahawk), who dropped only five points to finish at 195. She also took the Newcombe Trophy

(WRNS aggregate) and the WRNS medal.

The RN Women also won the Reserve Team Competition thanks to POWren Liz Spencer (Centurion) and Wren Ruth Davies (Seahawk).

RN Women's Rifle Squad flanked by coaches Lieut.-Cdr. Perry (left) and Lieut. Metcalfe. Back row from left: Wren R. Davies (Seahawk), Wren J. Briggs (Seahawk), POWren Spencer, CWren Craddock, Wren S. Edgell (CWT), Wren B. Pearce (Blandford Mil.) and Sub-Lieut. T. Elborn (AFSOUTH Naples). Front: Lieut. K. Pirie, Wren Neville, POWren Hanna, POWren Simpson and LWren J. Hellier (CWT).

## Diary

UNITED Services Portsmouth Hockey Club will be holding its AGM in the Clubhouse, Burnaby Road, on Monday April 6 at 1830. All hockey players, coaches and umpires are welcome to attend.

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LOOK out this month for posters advertising the fifth annual Submarine Flotilla Golf Championships, to be held this year at the China Fleet Country Club, Saltash, on August 6. To avoid disappointment, applicants for this popular event are advised to return their forms early.

The maximum handicap on the day will be 24. For the first time it will be possible to involve families thanks to the excellent facilities available at CFCC — again, book early. Contact WOMEA Cullen on DNB ext. 65060.



## Crown slips away

RNAC won the final Westward League Cross-Country, held at US Brickfields, Devonport, but sadly couldn't quite overhaul the points lead that Bideford had and so lost their hold on the League title by just 45 minutes.

The race took place in very windy conditions and RNAC sadly were deprived of the services of two of their top runners through injury. But the team rose to the challenge and raced tremendously well to beat a strong Bideford squad.

Chris Cook took the race by storm from the start and just held off Dave Neal. While Chris Hazlewood (9th) and Les Harper (11th) showed a fine return to form.

In the end, injuries to some runners and the indifferent form of others in the autumn took their toll. RNAC won the first, fifth and sixth races, but Bideford showed more consistency throughout the season to win the title.

However, said Lieut.-Cdr. Bob Chapman, "We beat them whenever we had a really strong team. We beat them on their home ground and destroyed both Bideford and all the other clubs in the county (and area) championships, so we're not too downhearted".

Individually, the club has two worthy league champions: Paddy Davison in the over 35 category and Bob Chapman in the veterans.

## MARATHON RUNNERS ARE READY FOR THE OFF



FIVE runners from DRA(M) Portsdown (ARE Runners Club) will be pitting their frail and aged bodies against the rigours of the ADT London Marathon on April 12th ... all for charity.

Among them will be (pictured l-r) Lieut. Paul Norris, CPO Kevin Baker and Lieut. Martin Croft. Paul and Martin, together with civilian colleagues Miss Kate Roberts and Mr Peter Lindley, will be running in support of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF), while Kevin's running for the Guy's Evelina Children's Hospital Appeal.

To be fair, Peter and Paul are hoping to make decent times. The others class themselves as once only marathon runners.

Anyone wishing to boost their sponsorship tallies should ring 0705 332932 (JDF) or 0705 333386 (Evelina).

● Good luck to all Senior Service personnel and associates running on April 12th.

## Fancy a walk?

A NEW event in this year's Inter-Service Athletic Championships is the 5,000 metre walk. As far as can be discovered there are no competitive walkers in the Royal Navy, but if you fancy having a shot at this event please contact the Navy Athletics Secretary on Portsmouth Naval Base ext. 24153.

## Coarse angling fine result

MILD and sunny weather failed to entice the fish into feeding throughout the lake at Southwick Park Naval Recreation Centre, HMS Dryad, during this year's Naval Air Command Coarse Angling Charity Shield Competition.

Of the record 80 competitors 34 caught nothing at all. Only 696lbs of carp was brought to the scales, the fish ranging from 11lb to 8lbs, and all put back afterwards.

The eventual winner was Ian Whorlow (civilian/Daedalus) from Drayton, who weighed in with 68lbs 8oz from Peg 58. Second was Simon Wheeler (civilian/Daedalus), a guest an-

gler and member of Division I national team Dam Dorking, who finished with 46lbs 6oz from Peg 61. L. Williamson (Gannet) came third with 44lbs 11oz from Peg 26.

Organised by Lieut. Mike Martin of HMS Daedalus, with assistance from members of Daedalus Coarse Angling Club, this event not only provided a good day's sport but also raised £3,300 for the NSPCC. This magnificent total came in through competitors' individual sponsorship, a waiving of all entry fees, donations from NAC funds, and a raffle, sponsored car wash and auction on the day.

The trophy for the competitor raising most was Crawley's D. Rann, who was pledged £150. That trophy and other prizes were handed out by Capt. Richard Langton, former CO of HMS Daedalus. He also presented the proceeds of the day to Mrs Jacqueline Guinness of the NSPCC.

Prizes were generously donated by numerous tackle dealers in the competitors' home towns. Particular thanks to Silstar, Drayton Angling Centre Enterprises and Yeovilton and District Angling Centre.



OPEN wide! Simon Wheeler, a guest angler from the Dam Dorking Div. I National Team, lands his 21st fish of the day. Simon finished second overall. Picture: CPO(Phot) Stuart Antrobus

## Dryad reels 'em in



ELEVEN of these glittering trophies — all available to be won in the Solent area — have been hooked by the fishermen of HMS Dryad.

The tally for the Dryad Sea Angling Club was 11 out of 21. The club, chaired by CPO(R) Sticky Hurst, has 25 members and is active throughout the year.

From the Solent Area Royal Navy and Royal

Marines Sea Angling Association, sponsored by Pusser's Rum, Dryad won the League Individual Champion Cup, Boat Trophy Shield, Boat Knock Out Cup, Cod Cup, Best Specimen Cup, Best Bass Cup, President's Shield, Sultan Shield and the Beach Champion Shield.

Eight clubs are involved in the competition, but in 1991 the rest had to make do with the tiddlers thrown back by Dryad's fishermen.

## World games

HER MAJESTY'S Forces have the opportunity for a new challenge this autumn — participation in the fifth annual World Corporate Games, which begin in London on September 26.

Over 8,000 part-time sports enthusiasts from 26 countries and over 1,000 organisations will be coming to the capital to compete at top venues, including Wimbledon, Wentworth and Crystal Palace.

Special Services discounts are on offer, as are 22 sports, ranging from badminton to dragon boat racing.

Competitors are sorted by age and standard. Service entrants — required to pay their own fees, travel and subsistence — are recommended to arrange personal insurance cover.

Contact Games HQ, 2/22 Chelsea Garden Market, Chelsea Harbour, London, SW10 0XE (tel. 071 351 1992).

## POPE PROVES PRE-EMINENT

FISHING the foreshore at Trevel Ranges, HMS Raleigh, the RNRMAA Sea Section found its fifth Shore Sea Angling Champion of Champions — Sgt Steve Pope, of CTCRM, Lymington.

The championship was fished over two rounds. In each, Steve finished fourth, which earned him the title overall. It was his second victory in the event in three years. His friend Cpl Gary Austin (RM Poole) was a close runner-up. Third place went to CPO Greg Dunn (HMS Cochrane).

Competition Best Specimen trophy went to LMEM Andy Timmins (Raleigh) for a 21lb 3oz flounder.

The first round had begun just before sunrise. The second started just before a beautiful sunset, the rising night tide bringing with it extra species.

At the 9p.m. finish 17 anglers brought fish to the scales. Best of these was a flounder of just over 2lb 6oz, caught by CPO Bill Wheatman (HMS Nelson). He also took the competition's Heaviest Fish medal.

In all, 22 flounders were caught, a total fish weight of 36lb 9oz. Beside the flounder, pollack, poor cod and silver eels were the only weighable species.

Awards were presented on behalf of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Angling Association by Lieut. Geoff Palmer, HMS Raleigh's PT&RO.

## A COVENANT IN THE ARK...

1992 sees Lamb's Navy enter its third year of sponsorship of sport within the Royal Navy via the Sports Control Board, and all sports in the Service will benefit — from table tennis to rugby.

Pictured is the Second Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Michael Livesay, receiving a bumper cheque for a bumper amount — £50,000 — from Mr Tony Hales, chief executive officer of Allied Lyons plc. The presentation took place in Portsmouth on board HMS Ark Royal.

Mr Scott Hill, senior brand manager, of URM Agencies, the UK distributor for Lamb's Navy, said, "Lamb's Navy Rum is proud to be associated with the Senior Service. Sport is a great character builder and Lamb's Navy is pleased to be involved in helping this character building through its sponsorship."

After the presentation ceremony the guests enjoyed lunch on board the Ark Royal and a tour of the aircraft carrier.





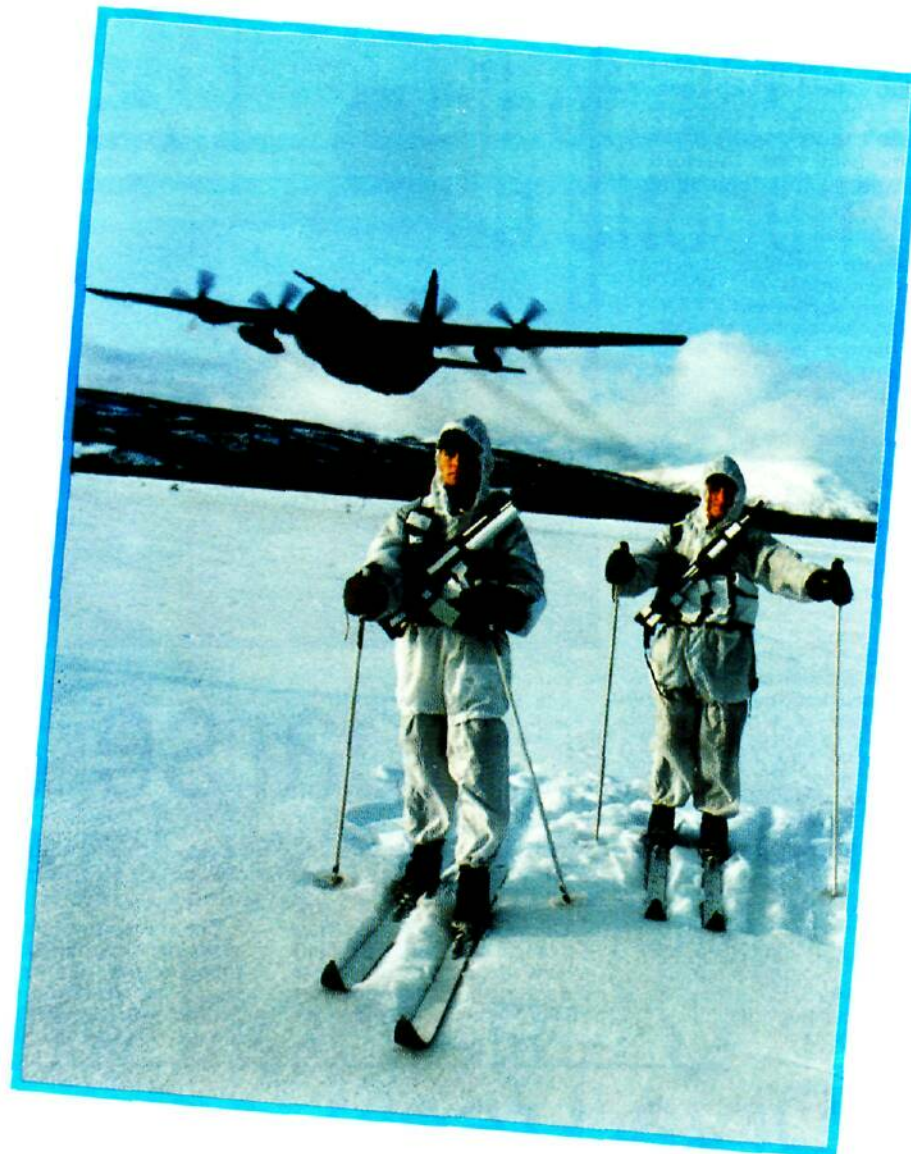
# Cool customers team up in Norway

MARINE Rob Watson, front, and Marine John Raeh, back, of 40 CDO RM RECCE Troop are pictured during parachute training in Northern Norway as part of Team-work 92.

They were among 4,000 Marines who were involved in the maritime, air, amphibious and field-training exercise designed to test operational effectiveness of NATO forces.

Also taking part were 19 RN ships and submarines and nine ships of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary.

Picture: PO(Phot) Al Campbell.



## MORE SHIPS FOR POMPEY ... ONE DAY?

A GREATER concentration of the Navy's surface ships is a possibility for Portsmouth — but the idea is being stressed as "very long term."

### Shorter list for promotion to WO

REDUCED outflow and the fall in manpower requirement has resulted in a smaller list of provisional selections for promotion to warrant officer, to date March 31 1993.

Although many candidates were regarded as worthy, promotion was controlled by the number of vacancies and in many categories there were none despite the effect of manpower regulation.

Those who applied for redundancy under the recent programme now have to say whether they wish to accept promotion to WO and so revoke their redundancy applications. People selected for WO on the latest list are regarded as having demonstrated long-term employability and will not be considered for redundancy in the current round.

The list of provisional selections for promotion contains a total of about 50 names, listed under five boards. Last year's acceptances totalled about 80.

### Radar retires

A RADAR site used by RN air station Cudrose has been "retired" after 20 years loyal service to aviators.

Radar operators used Falmouth Radar on the Lizard peninsula from 1972 until 1990 to keep an eye on aircraft operating at low level in Falmouth Bay. In 1990 Cudrose installed near the air station the new Watchman radar, but the Falmouth site was maintained as a contingency measure.

Now, in two years of operating, the Watchman has proved so reliable that Falmouth Radar can retire. Although the radar aerial will be dismantled, the site will be maintained by Cudrose personnel for situating remote control aerials.

Among those who attended a decommissioning party were personnel who had served at the site over the years.

When it was announced last summer that ships would continue to be based at Portsmouth, Devonport and Faslane, with Rosyth as a small-ship operating base and a continuing naval presence at Portland, it was also stated that Rosyth's four Type 42 destroyers would transfer to Portsmouth between 1993-94.

### Surface fleet

Since that time there has been speculation from time to time on a further concentration of surface ships at Portsmouth.

Stressing that he was referring to the long term, the First Sea Lord (Admiral Sir Julian Oswald) has told the Fleet.

"There is clearly an attraction in trying to concentrate more — but not all — of the surface fleet in the area where the main schools are so that people will have some possibility of buying a house and being able to live in it for both sea jobs and shore jobs consecutively.

"So I would expect that there will be a tendency to concentrate more ships at Portsmouth."

But he went on to say, "We are talking about the back end of the decade, more likely into the next century."

## Brazen's sunny spell



ENJOYING the sunshine and blue skies of St Thomas, in the US Virgin Islands, are WTR Stuart Innes, WEM Craig Leaver, WTR Martin Jackson, WEM Dave Slater and LWEM Taff Jones, of HMS Brazen.

Along with HM ships Ariadne and Broadsword HMS Brazen visited the Virgin Islands in their initial sea training role (see also story on page 19).

Picture: LA(Phot) Dave Coombs.

## SURFACE FLOTILLA

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Commodore Amphibious Warfare accountable to him.

The revised organisation follows a 1990 study into the Fleet's future organisational needs. Accepted was the resulting proposal that the existing major type commanders (Flag Officer Submarines and Flag Officer Naval Aviation) should be complemented by a third acting as the focus for surface ship matters and using the authority and flexibility afforded by the New Management Strategy to ensure that available resources are utilised to best effect.

Planning for the changes has been taking place throughout 1991 and the formation of the new FOSF staff taking shape since earlier this year.

FOSF and most of his headquarters staff will be accommodated in new offices at The Parade, Portsmouth Naval Base. Meanwhile FOF2 and his staff move from Fort Southwick to Plymouth to form the new COMUKTG organisation.

Strength of the new FOSF headquarters organisation at Portsmouth, including officers, ratings and civilians, is about 160. In addition, there are similar numbers in each of the two engineering sections which are involved and are now titled FOSF(ME), based at South Terrace in the Naval Base, and FOSF(WE), which is at Whale Island.

The Surface Flotilla will consist of all major surface vessels, hydrographic survey ships and RFA Argus. Commodore Minor War Vessels and Mine Warfare will not form part of this flotilla.

Flag Officer Sea Training will be accountable to FOSF for the conduct of operational sea training for the Surface Flotilla.

A brief ceremony is planned for Monday April 6 to inaugurate the new organisation.

## Redundancy bids under scrutiny

BOARDS have been meeting during February and March to consider applications made under Phase 1 of the RN's redundancy programme.

When it was announced before Christmas that there was a need to lose the posts of about 30 Captains, 50 Commanders and 320 Warrant Officers, CPOs and POs, it was also stated that selections would become known on April 1 (after this edition went to press).

By seeking volunteers the aim has been to minimise compulsory redundancies. In carrying out their tasks Boards have also had to establish whether there were adequate numbers of suitable volunteers in the individual specialisations and categories involved.

## Sonar contract

A £9 million contract to upgrade the Sonar 2074 system for the Royal Navy's hunter-killer submarines has been awarded to Marconi Underwater Systems Ltd.

